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OUTLINES.

The trial of Thornton J. Hains, Flushing, N. Y., charged as accessory in the killing of William E. Annis, will proceed with the securing of the jury. Yesterday's sessions were consumed in the wearisome examination of talesmen, resuling in selecting six competent jurors——Suffolk, Va., went dry yesterday in a local option election by a majority of 257 votes——C. E. Spencer, of Hugo, Va., was found asphyxiated in a hotel at Norfolk last night——Eight alleged night riders and leaders of the band that killed Capt. Quentine Rankin, were placed on trial at Union City, Tenn., yesterday——Senator Foraker yesterday took up most of the time of the Senate in discussing the Brownsville affair, advocating the cause of the negro soldiers——The House Committee is at work on its preparation of the tariff bill to be reported at the extra session of Congress. The Democrats will probably make a minority report——Taft spent a comparatively quiet day in New York yesterday. He gave interviews to several friends. Booker Washington was one of his callers——Castro reached Berlin yesterday and was greeted by a large and enthusiastic crowd. He says Venezuela has no such vessel as the one reported captured by a Dutch warship——Secretary Straus is considering the advisability of a gathering at his department to discuss some questions of grave importance to labor and the country generally——Guilford county grand jury yesterday found four true bills for libel against Marion and Lester Butler——New York markets: Money on call firm at 2 1-4 to 3 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-2, closing bid 2 1-2, offered at 2 3-4. Cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 9.10, middling gulf 9.35. Flour dull and nominally lower. Wheat steady, No. 2 red 1.06 1-2 to 1.08 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2, 66 elevator. Oats steady, mixed 55 to 55 1-2. Rosin steady. Turpentine easy 41 3-4.

Judge Adams, successor to Judge Neal begins his career on the bench by holding Johnson court this week.

Roosevelt should have learned by this time that his calling men liars does not convince the public that their statements are not true.

Some people seem to be afraid Taft is going to sweep the Democratic party of the South right into the lap of the Republicans. There is no ground for such fear.

The News and Observer speaks editorially of "those mugmumps who went back on their raising" at the North Carolina society banquet in New York the other evening.

No doubt Governor Glenn feels grateful to Judge Neal for giving such short notice of his intended retirement from the bench. It saved him much annoyance.

If Mr. Roosevelt knows so positively that no American got any of that Panama canal purchase money, why does he not show how he knows it by showing from the records who did get it?

They are after me already, sings Taft. Some of his party men are trying to raise a row over what he said about standing no foolishness from Congress on the tariff revision question—or words to that effect.

Investigation by the coroner shows that two children in Winchester, Pa., died of hydrophobia from eating sausage. The coroner should carry the inquiry further and find out what kind of animal those sausages were made of.

Taft's "unconcealed desire" to break the Solid South cannot come from an opinion that his party needs the votes in the national election or to control the federal Congress, for it has these without any votes from the South.

Congressman Claude Kitchin says he will be for Bryan for President in 1912, "for" says he "I never heard of a man being defeated four time for the Presidency." How many has he ever heard of running for that office after being defeated three times?

Governor Glenn is quoted in Washington dispatches as saying that he would be a candidate for Congress in the Fifth district two years hence "if the people thought it best for the party for him to do so"—another case of supposed party necessity expected to arise, we suppose.

After all that has been said in the press about the Governor having no authority to fill a vacancy in the national House of Representatives the Winston-Salem Journal remarks that it would be "a graceful thing for Governor Glenn to appoint Mr. Morehead, the Congressman-elect to fill out Mr. Kitchin's unexpired term." That paper ought to know the Governor could not do so if he wished to.

THE FEDERAL COURT

Fa...m For Eastern District of No...arolina at Wilming...n Session.

FEW CASES YESTERDAY

Judge Waddill, Jr., of Virginia, Presiding, Makes Fine Impression on Bar and Public—Orders in Civil Suits.

The Fall term of the United States Circuit and District Courts of the Eastern District of North Carolina, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of Virginia presiding, convened yesterday morning at 11 o'clock and two sessions were held during the day, though no cases of importance were disposed of.

Judge Waddill and his secretary, Mr. Whittaker, arrived on the morning train and soon after going to his hotel, returned to the court room and convened the term. District Attorney Harry Skinner, Assistant District Attorney Giles, Marshal Dockery and Deputy Marshals Sharp and Ward with the clerk, Mr. Sam P. Collier, were all in attendance. The grand jury was drawn and empanelled as follows: D. K. MacRae, foreman; J. E. Swinson, John Williams, J. W. Murchison, Jas. Pate, John L. Goddard, Albert T. Chesnut, Guilford Edwards, Amos J. Smith, E. W. Evans, A. H. Herring, E. F. Leggett, Z. Little, J. M. McKeithan, E. J. Burney, A. P. Barrett, Chas. Wood and J. H. Boatwright. Of the jurors drawn Messrs. Thos. F. Bagley and A. D. Brown were excused. T. A. Watson was sworn as court crier, John Brown and J. W. Galloway as bailiffs.

Judge Waddill is making a fine impression upon the bar and the public His charge to the grand jury was brief but fluent and covered a wide range of Federal law which he evidently had at his finger's tip and gave to the jury in clear and concise language.

The cases called during the day were largely from Cumberland county and were those ordinarily classed under the euphonious title, "blind tigers." One of the Cumberland cases, that of Dave White, recently arrested in a wholesale raid by South Carolina detectives in Fayetteville, was on trial when court took a recess for the day at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He is represented by J. W. Bolton, Esq. The three detectives who made the raid in which White and 17 others fell victims, are witnesses in the case.

The only other jury trial of the day was that of Lawrence Harrell, of Robeson, charged with retailing. He was found guilty but sentence has not yet been passed. John M. Marshall, of Pender, was charged with assault but not battery, on a rural mail carrier, submitting to the charge and being ordered to pay costs to amount of $30.

Nol Pros with leave was entered in the following: M. Long, Cumberland, retailing; Jule Edwards, Duplin, retailing; Spencer King,, Duplin, retailing; Lon C. Patton, New Hanover, forgery of army pay check; Geo. M. Taylor, Cumberland, removing and concealing spirits.

Capias and continued was the entry in the following: John W. Harris, Cumberland, retailing; James Johnson and others, Scotland, violation postal laws; Frank McDonald, Sampson, illicit distilling; Robert Thomson, Cumberland, retailing; Dave Vestal, Cumberland, retailing; Fred McQueen, Robeson, retailing; Sol. Thompson, Scotland, retailing; R. C. Fairley, Scotland, retailing; J. H. Thomas, Cumberland, retailing; W. H. Johnson, Cumberland, retailing; Dan C. McNeill, Scotland, retailing; Dan Murley, Cumberland, retailing.

On account of having served a sentence from the State court, Lovidy Carroll, Cumberland, was discharged. R. H. Williams, of Cumberland, pleaded guilty to retailing and judgment was suspended on payment of tax and costs.

The suit of T. M. Thompson for a recovery of a part of the government reservation on which fort Caswell is located will likely be taken up Thursday and consume the remainder of the term. A motion was allowed yesterday making Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, of Southport, party plaintiff. The claimants are represented by John D. Bellamy & Son and ex-Judge E. K. Bryan.

In the case of the receivers of the Westinghouse Electric Co., against the City of Fayetteville, on the Circuit Court docket, an order was made yesterday, giving the respondents until January 1st to make answer and the case is referred to E. S. Martin as special master to hear and determine all the issues of fact and law and report same to the court under the equity rules with the right to either party to except to such findings. Messrs. Rountree & Carr appear for the complainants and City Attorney J. Sprunt Newton, of Fayetteville, for respondents.

A Christmas Gift

Can you find a more fitting or more useful gift for the wife or child than a Savings Bank Book. A small amount will secure a Book at the People's Savings Bank, and 4 per cent Interest will be added. su-tu-thu.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON

North Carolina Delegation to Rivers and Harbors Congress Much Pleased With Work of Convention. State Association.

The Wilmington delegation to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress have returned to the city and speak most enthusiastically of the work of that great body, the story of which in general has been carried from day to day in the Associated Press dispatches.

The convention was easily the largest and most influential ever assembled in this interest. North Carolina was especially well represented through the delegates from the State Waterways Association and while the work of the Congress was "for a policy, rather than a project," it is well to know that the interests of Wilmington and the State were not lost sight of in the deliberations of the great assembly. The North Carolina Waterways Association was honored with the selection of both a director and a vice president of the National organization while the Association was also given an appointment on each of the convention committees.

Hon. Jos. E. Ransdell presided over the body and the first day was featured by addresses from Presient Roosevelt and President-elect Taft, each of whom committed himself to the policy of the improvement of waterways all over the country, as conserving our National resources. The only damper upon the enthusiasm of the great convention was thrown by the cool, calculating "Uncle Joe" Cannon, who referred to the big deficit in the Treasury and the need of conservatism in dealing with the great questions in hand.

It is a compliment to the North Carolina Waterways Association that a resolution outlined by it was later adopted by the General Rivers and Harbors Congress. This resolution declared for an issue of not exceeding fifty millions of bonds for waterways improvement for such projects as may have already been approved by the Board of Engineers, U. S. A., or may hereafter be approved by any commission or body to whom the matter may be referred, and for such projects as may now be under way.

The speeches at the convention were extremely interesting and instructive and the personnel of the body is expected to have great weight and influence upon the Congress of the United States now in session.

While in Washington the members of the North Carolina Waterways Association held their annual meeting and re-elected all the old officers, including President Jas. H. Chadbourn, and Secretary Meares Harriss, of this city. The executive committee was enlarged and strengthened and the outlook is exceedingly encouraging.

Brief Items at Local Port.

The British steamer Holmlea, Capt. Airey, which has made frequent visits to this port arrived yesterday light from New York for cargo of cotton from Alexander Sprunt & Sons, for foreign markets. The schooner Ada F. Brown, one of the largest windjammers to arrive here in several months, having a tonnage of 1,294 tons, arrived yesterday morning with cargo of phosphate rock from Port Tampa for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. Capt. Wallace is master and the vessel is consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

Mrs. Pinner Dies at Southport.

Friends in Wilmington will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Effie Pinner, wife of Mr. W. T. Pinner, which occurred Sunday afternoon, following a protracted illness at her home in Southport. She had been in declining health for several months and little hope was held out to relaties and friends for recovery. The deceased was about 50 years of age and there are surviving two sons and three daughters. The remains will be interred at Southport.

Woodmen of the World.

Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, last night elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Con. Com., T. J. Herring; Adv. Lieut., J. E. Higgins; Banker, W. H. Howell; Clerk, Geo. C. Jackson; Escort, H. M. Cornwall; Watchman, A. H. Weedon; Sentry, W. B. Bevill; Managers, J. E. Wood, W. G. A. Otersen, J. W. Fleet; Camp Physicians, C. D. Bell, R. H. Bellamy, D. W. Bulluck, J. A. Dosher. The officers will be installed first meeting in January.

Fire at Southport.

Three small fish houses used by fishermen at Southport in storing nets and other tackle were destroyed by fire of unknown origin early yesterday morning entailing a loss of several hundred dollars. Adjoining structures were saved by vigorous work on the part of bucket brigades. Several fishermen lost heavily in tackle and are temporarily out of employment.

A Christmas Suggestion.

A well established and popular custom is to open savings accounts with this bank and present them to children, relatives or friends as Christmas Gifts. If requested, we will mail pass book to address furnished, so that it will be received on Christmas morning. The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co. tu thu su

Buy your holiday goods at Rehder's store open each evening until 9 o'clock. ee

ABATTOIR QUESTION

Called Meeting of County Board of Health For Important Discussion Yesterday.

A COMMITTEE TO CONFER

Sanitary Board Will Pass Definite Proposition as to Slaughter of Fresh Meats—Matter of Disposal Plant Considered.

The question of the establishment of a public slaughter house or abattoir, effecting a remedy of conditions that are now admittedly far from satisfactory, as regards the native fresh meat supply, and the building of a disposal plant to take care of the refuse of the city, other than the ordinary street garbage, was the subject of a somewhat lengthy and enlightening discussion yesterday afternoon at a special called meeting of the County Board of Health, composed of all the registered physicians in the county, many of whom were present.

After a very free discussion of conditions, rules and regulations designed to provide an immediate temporary remedy were recommended to the Sanitary Board of the county and a committee was authorized to confer with the latter board with a view of permanently remedying conditions in the slaughter of fresh meats, either by means of an abattoir or rigid inspection, either or both of which will require special legislation that will probably be asked for at the forthcoming session of the General Assembly.

There were present at the meeting yesterday County Commissioner D. McEachern, chairman ex-officio of the Board of Health; Mayor William E. Springer, chairman of the city Board of Health, who had been invited to be present; County Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Sr., Dr. W. D. McMillan, county superintendent of health; Dr. C. T. Harper, city superintendent of health; Register of Deeds John Haar, clerk ex-officio of the Board; Dr. Thos. B. Carroll, city milk and meat inspector; Drs. E. J. Wood and R. H. Bellamy, professional members of the the County Sanitary Board, and Drs. Slocum, Anders, Bolles, Bell, McDonald, W. J. H. Bellamy, Russell Bellamy, Wessell, Akerman, Nesbitt, Harriss, Schonwald, Bulluck, Mask and Austin.

Chairman McEachern in calling the meeting to order read the recent complaint from Smith's Creek property owners, which gave rise to the investigation pursued during the past week or ten days, stating that the complaint had first been made to the County Commissioners, then referred to the County Sanitary Board, which had appointed a committee to investigate and which had called the meeting of the County Board of Health. Drs. Wood and R. H. Bellamy, of the investigating committee, each reported to the Board the result of their findings, one of them declaring that it really seemed that Wilmington could get ideas from the Middle Ages on matters of public Health. They strongly urged that something be done at once to remedy conditions that were clearly intolerable. They strongly commended the work being done by Dr. T. B. Carroll, the city veterinarian and at the request of the Board the county attorney read the State law governing health matters of counties.

Dr. Carroll strongly advocated a central slaughter house or abattoir and told of his investigation of the methods employed in other cities. Dr. Harper told of the investigations of the City Board of Health during the past several years and gave information that he and Dr. Carroll had gathered from other cities. Dr. Carroll was questioned by Dr. Bulluck and others as to the situation during the progress of which it developed that the butchers themselves were really in favor of an abattoir and would prefer stringent inspection and regulation. Drs. W. J. H. and Russell Bellamy discussed the immediate, pressing need of measures of relief and Mayor Springer spoke of the desirability of a crematory and his investigation of the matter upon a recent visit to Charlotte where one of the incinerators is in successful operation. He thought the city and county should co-operate in the building of an adequate plant and Chairman McEachern replied that the county in future as well as in the past would do everything in its power to meet the city half way in any proposition of the kind looking to the public betterment.

To relieve the immediate demands of the situation, an order was recommended to the Sanitary Board providing for the burying of all refuse matter and carcasses to a depth of not less than six feet on a reservation of county land to be designated. This will be later passed by the Board and will be in effect at once.

The question of a permanent remedy for slaughter house conditions was then taken up and discussed by several with the final adoption of a motion that the chairman appoint a committee to confer with the Sanitary Board to devise some means by which conditions may be remedied. The chairman announced that the committee would be named later and it is likely a meeting with the Sanitary Board, which is composed of all the County Commissioners and Drs. Wood and R. H. Bellamy, will be held today at which some decisive action will be taken.

STOP FLOOD DEVASTATION

Representatives Godwin and Thomas Introduce Bill For Building Levee in Pender and Bladen Counties—$100,000 Provided.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Representatives Godwin and Thomas introduced today a bill in the House of Representatives, appropriating $100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to construct a levee or levees at Kelly's Cove on the Cape Fear river, in Bladen county, N. C.

The bill provides for the levees to be constructed under the direction of the War Department.

It will be remembered that during the floods of August and September, 1908, the water in the Cape Fear river rose to the highest point known and a considerable portion of the country lying between the Cape Fear river and the Black river was entirely flooded by an escape of water from the Cape Fear river at a low point near Kelly's Cove. The water passing from there across the country to Black river completely flooded French's Creek township in Bladen county and Canetuck township in Pender county.

The bill will have the hearty cooperation of both Representatives Godwin and Thomas, as great benefits will be derived from the construction of this levee, from the people of Bladen in Mr. Godwin's district and the people of Pender in Mr. Tohmas' district.

The bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of War to cause to be erected on the Cape Fear river a levee or levees from the old French's Creek church at Kelly's Cave, on the river, to Kelly's Mill, a distance of about two miles and about 150 yards at the mouth of Natmore Creek for the prevention of the overflow of the Cape Fear river and for the maintenance of the natural channel of the Cape Fear river.

HEARING CONTINUED.

Another Phase of Rockingham Power Controversy Before Judge Webb.

In the case of Harold M. Chase, et al. against the Rockingham Power Company, et. al., at Wadesboro, on Saturday, all the affidavits of the plaintiffs and defendants were read, and His Honor, Judge Webb continued the hearing to Saturday, December 19th, at Raleigh, where the arguments will be heard.

The plaintiffs are represented by Messrs. Davis & Davis, Burwell & Cansler, Fred J. Coxe and Major Jno. D. Shaw; the defendants by ex-Judge J. E. Shepherd, Messrs. A. S. Dockery and Robinson & Caudle. The case involves the possession of certain valuable lands at Blewett Falls, where the power company is building its great hydro-electric plant.

CLOSED UNDER EXECUTION.

Store of Mr. Julius P. Taylor, on North Front Street.

On judgments secured by creditors in Justice Furlong's court, followed by an execution, the clothing business conducted under the firm name of "Taylor, the Tailor" at 211 North Front street, with Mr. Julius P. Taylor, proprietor, was closed yesterday, morning, and after due notice the goods will be sold to satisfy the claims. The creditors number nine and the alleged amount owing is $725.24. The store was closed by Constable Savage and Woodus Kellum, Esq., represents the creditors. All the creditors are in the North.

Entertainment For Charity.

A pleasant event scheduled for early January is the opening of the season by the Orphans' Opera Company with an elaborate and modern version of the "Mikado," Gilbert and Sullivan's tuneful comic opera, which will be produced for the benefit of Wilmington's Associated Charities, a cause which in every way appeals to the public. Twenty-five people will compose the cast and chorus brilliant costuming and artistic stage setting will enhance the ever pleasing music. The advance sale of tickets will be exchanged at the box office for reserved seats.

Cornelius Harnett Council, R. A.

The following officers of Cornelius Harnett Council, No. 231, R. A., were elected last night for the ensuing year: Representative to Grand Council, Dr. S. Mendelsohn; alternate representative, T. L. Vines; Regent, Dr. J. E. Matthews; Vice Regent, R. H. Grant; Sitting Past Regent, T. L. Vines; Orator, A. L. DeRosset; Secretary, S. Mendelsohn; Collector, J. Weil; Treasurer, R. H. Northrop; Chaplain, J. A. Jordan; Guide, J. C. Morrison; Warden, B. Goodman; Sentry, A. Silverman; Trustees, B. Solomon, J. H. Boatwright and I. J. Bear.

A Holiday Hint

Suppose you go to the People's Savings Bank, and open an account in the name of wife or child. The Bank Book you receive will make a fine present. A small amount is all that is necessary. The bank will add 4 per cent. compounded interest. su tu thu

CONFERENCE CLOSES

Appointments of Pastors for Various Charges Announced By Bishop Wilson Yesterday.

THE FINAL PROCEEDINGS

Fine Address by Presiding Officer Just Before Adjournment — Question of Fermented or Unfermented Wines—The Cigarette

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 14.—The seventy-second annual Methodist Conference adjourned this afternoon sine die The last day of the Conference was a busy one, there being a great raft of business to dispose of and in the final wind up there were two features that were of more than usual interest.

One was the address of the Bishop, just before he announced his appointments and the other was the fight over the question of using fermented or unfermented wine in sacrament. The wine question drew out a string of argument from many of the members while it was generally observed that the whole fight was unnecessary. It came up on a resolution presented by Rev. R. L. Davis and signed by a number, asking that in the future unfermented wine be used. Many took a stand against this and it was finally settled by the question's being tabled.

In the same connection the committee on temperance asked that the preachers cry out against the use of cigarettes. The Bishop in a passing remark said that it would be better to urge parents to spank the boys. That was his position on the matter. The question was not put to a vote

Many of the reports of the day were exhaustive and showed the work done. The submission of these reports required a great deal of time and it was some time after the adjournment hour when the final adjournment was taken. The appointments made by the Conference are as follows:

Raleigh District—R. B. John presiding elder; Raleigh, Edenton Street, F. M. Shamburger, J. O. Guthrie, supernumary; Central, L. B. Jones; Jenkins Memorial and Apex, J. H. Buffaloe; Epworth, F. D. Woodall; Cary, J. D. Pegram; Clayton, G. B. Starling; Smithfield, J. M. Culbreth; Selma and Princeton, W. H. Puckett; Kenly, G. B. Culbreth; Zebulon, A. D. Wilcox; Millbrook, G. T. iSmmons; Youngville, D. P. Parker; Franklinton, N. E. Coltrane; Louisburg, F. A. Bishop; Tar River, G. W. Starling; Granville Circuit, G. W. Robinson; Oxford, L. S. Massey; Oxford circuit, A. S. Barnes; Director of Correspondence School, J. L. Cuninggim; Raleigh Christian Advocate, T. N. Ivey; Methodist Orphanage, J. N. Cole.

Durham District—J. B. Hurley, presiding elder. Durham, Trinity, G. T. Adams, Memorial, M. Bradshaw, Carr, J. A. Dailey; Branson, K. C. Fondeval, supply; Mangum, H. E. Spence; West Durham, W. P. Constable; Durham circuit, G. W. Fisher; Chapel Hill, W. R. Royall; Hillsboro, M. M. McFarland; Mt. Tirzah, J. B. Thompson; Leasburg, N. C. Yearby; Roxboro, J. A. Horneday; Milton, W. T. Usry; Yanceyville, C. R. Ross; Pelham and Shade Grove, S. F. Nix; Burlington, E. N. Snipes; Burlington circuit, C. O. Durant; East Burlington, Graham and Haw River, T. G. Vickers; Alamance, C. M. Lance; Trinity College, J. C. Kilgo, president, and E. A. Yates, Biblical Literature; Trinity Park School, H. M. North, headmaster; student in Trinity College, T. G. Vickers; student in Trinity Park School, W. A. Stanburry; Sunday School agent, W. B. North.

Fayetteville District—J. T. Gibbs, presiding elder. Fayetteville, Hay Street, L. E. Thompson; Fayetteville circuit, A. L. Ormond; Hope Mills, T. A. Sutton; Cokesbury, N. M. McDonald; Sampson circuit, N. H. Guyton; Bladen, O. W. Dowd; Buckhorn, E. R. Welch; Dunn, A. J. Parker; Duke, J. M. Daniels; Newton Grove, J. J. Porter; Pittsboro, V. A. Royall; Haw River, L. M. Chaffin; Goldsboro, J. W. Hoyle; Carthage, N. M. Eure; Elise, E. N. Harrison; Sanford, R. W. Bailey; Jonesboro, L. H. Joyner; Lillington, W. C. Martin; Siler City, E. B. Craven.

Rockingham District—W. H. Moore, presiding elder. Rockingham, J. E. Underwood; Roberdell, J. M. Ashbey; Richmond, A. J. Groves; Mount Gilead, J. A. Lee; Pekin, N. L. Seabolt; Troy, T. J. Dailey; Montgomery, Geo. H. Biggs, substitute; Aberdeen and Biscoe, D. N. Caviness; Hamlet, H. A. Humble; Laurel Hill, D. A. Watkins; St. John and Gibson, L. L. Nash; Laurinburg, N. H. D. Wilson; Raeford circuit, J. W. Bradley; Maxton and Caledonia, A. P. Tyre; Red Springs, S. A. Cotton; Rowland, F. B. McCall; Lumberton, E. M. Hoyle; Elizabeth, F. B. Noblin; Robeson, C. W. Smith; East Robeson, W. A. Jenkins; Agent Carolina College, E. McWhorter.

Wilmington District—W. L. Cuninggim, presiding elder. Wilmington, Grace, T. A. Smoot; Fifth Street, K. D. Holmes; Bladen Street, W. E. Hocutt; Trinity, W. L. Rexford; Scott's Hill, C. T. Rogers; New River, T. J. Browning; Onslow, J. T. Stanford; Swansboro, W. E. Brown; Jacksonville and Richlands, J. E. Whedbee; Kenansville, J. M. Lowder; Burgaw, J. J. Barker; Magnolia, Y. E. Wright;

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EVILS OF DIVORCE.

The United States census bureau has compiled a report on divorces which should be of interest to all persons in this country who are interested in the preservation of the sanctity of the marriage vow and who believe in making marriage the basis of home life. In this report are some figures and statistics which should cause to pause those who have been advocates in the past few years of the opening wider of the doors of the divorce courts.

According to this census report for the twenty years from 1887 to 1906, both inclusive, there were granted in the State of Illinois, which State headed the list, 82,209 divorces. Ohio followed with 63,982; then came Indiana with 60,721 in this class of States. In the Southern States Texas led with 62,655, followed by Kentucky and Tennessee, with more than 30,000 each. We are glad to see that North Carolina does not occupy a prominent position in this list of States. South Carolina stands at the foot with not a single divorce granted; for the laws of that State do not allow the securing of a divorce in that State. This stands to the honor of that State, though it would be to her greater honor if she had more restrictive laws governing marriage within her borders.

From these figures it will be seen that there is great need of improvement of the law on divorce in most every State in the Union. The marriage tie is too loosely held all over the Union.

We have long thought there should be uniform marriage and divorce laws for all the States, though we have never been able to see how such could be brought about without an amendment to the Federal constitution. But then wouldn't ith be wort the trouble and expense of an amendment to the constitution to have present conditions changed. The family, the home is the basis of a republican form of government which is to be conducted on the plan on which ours was based, and is supposed to be still conducted, and when family relations and home life are ignored then we may expect the political life of the nation to be in danger. Preserve the sanctity of the home and the Nation will be safe. Break that up and the Nation will start on the downward road, and nothing can break up that home-life quicker than the cheapening of marriage ties. If you want to preserve the Republic, keep the family hearth swept clean.

THE RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS.

When persons feel like criticising the action of the Rivers and Harbors Congress, which met in Washington last week, for its action in asking Congress to expend fifty million dollars a year for the next ten years for the deepening and otherwise improving in the interest of any one part of ers of this whole country, they must remember that this congress was no sectional body; that it was not working in the interest of any one port of the country; that it did not represent any one class of the people of the nation; but that it was a veritable representative body of the whole American Union, representing every section of the country and every class of people in the country. Furthermore they represented the tax payers of the country—the men from whom must come the fifty millions a year Congress is asked to expend on these internal improvements. Those men there assembled represented the tax payers from the Lakes to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific who are willing to be taxed to the amount of fifty million dollars a year and to have their accumulations for years to come to be taxed to the same amount in orner to have the Government undertake the waterways improvements which they believe will add so much to the prosperity and wealth of the country in future generations. The members of the House of Representative are no more representative of the people than were the members of this Rivers and Harbors Congress. In fact the latter are without doubt, more intimately acquainted with the needs, in a business and a commercial way, of the people they represented than are nine-tenths of the members of Congress. For this reason, when they present to the government their deliberate opinions as to what the country needs in the way of government aid to the industrial and commercial advancement of the country they should be given that consideration which is due to them because of their intimate acquaintance with conditions and with what is needed to improve those conditions and with what the people want.

HEARST A CRIMINAL.

During the recent campaign William Randolph Hearst tried to make a stir by reading a number of letters to other persons which he received knowing them to have been stolen from the letter files of the office of a corporation with headquarters in New York City. Hearst made no explanation as to how he got those letters. Everyone who knew anything about the matter knew that the letters Hearst was reading when on the stump were either forgeries or, if original or correct copies of originals, were stolen from the men to whom they were written or from the letter press books of those who had written them. Hearst put on a bold face and, day after day, stood up before audiences of American voters and read to them garbled extracts from private letters which had come into his hands as results of conduct of men who under different circumstances would be now serving terms in prison for their acts of larceny. Still Hearst, because of his great wealth, can almost boast of his prowess in securing such letters—private property of others—through means that could be nothing other than criminal. Many a man would have gone to prison for a much less offense than the one it is patent to all this millionaire and demagogue, Hearst, committed and publicly used for his supposed political advantage. It is a bad day for the country when any man, no matter how rich he is, feels that he can make such public exhibit of his criminality without fear of prosecution.

Taft comes South this week for his Winter sojourn. Irrespective of party affiliations all Southern people should wish that he finds his stay among us pleasant and profitable to him in the way of becoming better acquainted with our people. We believe he will to the utmost of his ability act as the "President of the whole country"—not using this as an empty phraze but in all earnestness and reality. Of course we do not expect him to turn Democrat even so far as the South is concerned but we do believe it is his intention to give the South, as forming an important part of the nation, a fair showing and that he will try to his utmost to put aside all sectional feeling.

A Charlotte man says he was drugged and robbed of six hundred dollars in Washington. The man charged with the crime says he won the money in a crap game. Either way you put it, it does not look well for the Charlotte man. He would not have been doped if he had not been keeping bad company or been where he had no business being.

If that Panama canal money passed through the channels the New York World says the records show that it did, a heap of folks will always believe some of it stuck on the way, no matter how vociferously President Roosevelt denounces the editor of that paper as a liar.

It looks like Roosevelt is up against a pretty stiff proposition on that Panama canal matter with the two northern papers. The New York World shows from the records that he is mistaken as to his facts in some of the statements he has made.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—It was on December 9th, 1608, that John Milton was born. His ter-centennial birthday fell last Wednesday and was widely celebrated. His millennial birthday will fall December 9th, 2608, and if at that time man is still a dweller upon the earth it will not be passed by forgotten.—Charlotte Observer.

—President Schurman, who wrote and spoke vigorously against the election of Mr. Bryan, said a few night ago in a lecture at Monclair, N. J.: "Mr. Bryan has done more by example and by precept for purity of American politics than any other man in the country." That will be the impartial judgment of history.—News and Observer.

—Nobody ever dies in Tombstone, unless—they brought it "with'm" or fall into a 600- vertical shaft, or buy an automobile, or "sass" their mother-in-law, or try to thaw out powder, or take cyanide of potassium for sugar, or start off a county seat removal racket. Some die of old age, some old partners of Daniel Boone, but none have ever been known to die from physical irregularities contracted in Tombstone, aside from the above-mentioned causes, and occasionally an abnormal lightness about the throat, superinduced by a coil of manila roap, or from a cold, caught through a hole made by a 45.—Tombstone (Ariz.) Epitaph.

—Until the question: "Who got the $10,000,000 paid by the Government of the United States for the Panama Canal property?" is answered with absolute candor and with full knowledge of the circumstances under which the money was disbursed and to whom it was paid the Government will not be able to silence the tongues of so-called "scandalmongers" or to allay the suspicions of many disinterested Americans who seek only the truth. Therefore Congress should order an investigation and determine finally the truth or falsity of charges which reflect upon the honor of the Government of the United States.—Baltimore Sun.

—Instead of breaking the solid South we had better maintain it as a rallying point and nucleus for conservatism and real democracy. Instead of going over to the Republicans we should bring the Republicans and the great Democratic masses of the country to us. In a movement of this kind Virginia can take the lead. She has sons with the strength and brains and gifts, but under the influence of forty years of repression and following meekly the leadership of others they have become timid. Almost in any condition and in any department of endeavor the bold policy is the best and the advantage always is with the attack. We would like to see some Virginians go right to the front and announce that the South intends to take charge of the Democratic party and to invigorate it back to strength and purpose.—Richmond News Leader.

—The Observer is astonished to find itself interrogated by an intelligent and long-time reader as to its position on the tariff. Our correspondent expresses its views on this subpect exactly; the views it has always held, and many times reiterated; except that the correspondent is more liberal in his opinion in respect of free raw material than we are. Free raw material means that the manufacturer would get the material that goes into his product cheaper, which would simply enable him to get his material at a lower price without reducing in the least the price to the consumer of his finished product, permitting him to put the difference in his pocket. To say it once again: The Observer believes in a tariff for revenue. This necessarily means a tariff for protection. This tariff should be equitably adjusted, with a view to protection to all interests alike, as nearly as may be, but in no case levied for the purpose of protection alone.—Charlotte Observer.

TWINKLINGS.

—Lady (on Pullman)—Boy! Where are the porter's quarters on this train? Candy Kid—In the passengers' pockets yet, Miss.—Boston Transcript.

—"So Algernon is going to devote himself to poetry?" "Yes, but only after a season in the bank. I don't want the poor boy to die without even knowing what money feels like."—Life.

—"I wonder what the President would have done at Pompeii when it rained hot ashes and molten lava." "Seized the occasion in all probability, to go for a nice walk."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—He Knew—Teacher—Yes, children, when the war broke out, all the able-bodied men who could leave their families enlisted in the Army. Now, can any of you tell me what motives took them to the front? Bright Boy (triumphantly) — Locomotives—Tit-Bits.

—"I would like to meet a man like the one Shakespeare mentions in 'Two Gentlemen of Verona,'" said the trader who was short of Steel common at 34. "Who was that?" asked his friend. "I've forgotten his name, but they said 'his golden touch could soften steel.'"—Boston News Bureau.

—"I hope you were a good little boy while at your aunt's and didn't tell any stories," said his mother. "Only the one you put me up to, ma," replied her young hopeful. "Why, what do you mean, child?" "When she asked me if I'd like to have a second piece of cake I said. 'No, thank you; I've had enough.'"—Harpers Weekly.

—Tourist (after a long discussion with station master on the subject of catching a steamer)—So you would advise me to come back by the Sunday night train in order to catch the boat on Monday morning? Station Master (Severely)—'A wud advise nae man tae profane the Sawbath; but a'll jist repeat—if ye wait till the Monday ye'll nae get the connection.—Puck.

BRILLIANT GULF WATERS.

Streaks of Blue and Green Seen in the Darkness.

(Tampa Times.)

A most remarkable marine phenomena was observed by the steamship Dover, Capt. Yon A. Carlson, as that vessel steamed to Tampa from Mobile. When at a point 35 miles from Mobile light, at 7 o'clock on the evening of the 24th, the ship ran suddenly in a streak of light coming from the water which alternated blue and green, the colors being so brilliant that the vessel was lighted up as if she was covered with arc lights with colored globes.

A half mile streak of dark water, and a blackness that settled like a pall over the ship followed and a second streak of the same brilliant hued waters was encountered. The second streak was about as wide as the first one, and when the ship ran out of it the same black waters and a night of exceptional blackness was also encountered. A. D. Montmollian, traveling freight agent of the line, was on board the vessel, and he and Chief Engineer T. J. Cole fully substantiated Capt. Carlson's statement regarding the phenomeina.

The Inaugural Committee on Civic Organization has announced that the right of line in the parade of civic organizations on the day of President-elect Taft's inauguration shall be given to the members of the class of '78 of Yale University of which class Mr. Taft was a member.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

New York, Dec. 4.—The two-year dispute between the railroads and the makers of steel rails over the quality and price of rails has been settled, and it was announced today that large rail orders would quickly be negotiated. One of these is for 160,000 tons, which the Pennsylvania Railroad will place. With the embargo off, orders for from 300,000 to 400,000 tons of rails for delivery next spring probably will be given. This would involve the outlay of from $10,000,000 to $12,000,000. The agitation over rails started from the numerous train wrecks in 1906 and 1907 that were traced to broken and split rails. This naturally reflected on the quality of rails milled. The Pennsylvania Railroad was the leader in the agitation for better quality, and it was supported by the Harriman lines. Judge Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation has had endless conferences in the last year or more with the railroads, trying to determine the basis of equilization of quality and price. The adjustment continues the price at $28 a ton for standard sections, with the buyer promising to take discarded rails, or "seconds," as they are known in the trade, also at $28 a ton.

Lynchburg Special to Washington Herald: There are many indications that by the new year the Southern Railway will resume active work upon the construction of the "cut-off" line around the city, over which nearly all of the traffic of this system is to pass when completed. Two immense steel bridges, one over the James river and the other over Blackwater creek, both of which are in the city limits, wholly or in part, will give employment to an army of bridge-workers, who will be employed as soon as the cement foundations can be completed. The "cut-off" means the erection of a passenger station to cost $50,000 and a big viaduct to avoid a grade crossing. This will also cost $50,000. There will be two other smaller overhead street crossings on another steel bridge, the latter having been completed before the panic.

—Gastonia News: Tuesday a little three-year-old child of Mr. Thompson, living on the M. J. Kincaid plantation near Pleasant Ridge, had a narrow escape. The little child and older brother were out in the yard playing and the three-year-old fell into the well that had been started last year and been abandoned at thirty feet depth. The other child went into the house and the mother asked where the younger child was and the reply was: "He fell into a hole in the ground." The mother went to investigate and heard the screams of the child in the well thirty feet below. Help was hurriedly secured and a physician was sent for. When the little fellow was examined it was found that he was not much hurt. Two ribs were broken and a few little scratches.

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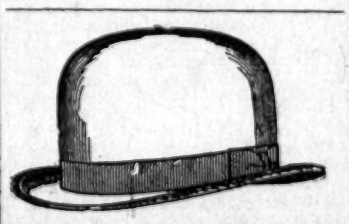

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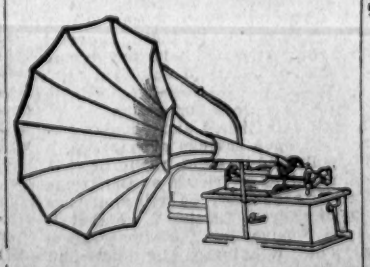

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STORY OF THE FLOOD

One of the Strange Legends of the Yuma Indians.

CAUSE OF THE GREAT STORM.

The Tipping Up of the Earth Caused the Deluge Which Engulfed the World—The Mysterious Ark and the Escape of the Chosen Few.

To this day the great deluge recorded in the Bible is a mystery to the North American Indian. He will not be led to believe that the flood was brought about by the sins of man. He is equally unwilling to believe that it was the work of an angry God, as he could not see how the Almighty should be so unjust as to punish the Indians of America for the naughty things of a race of people across the ocean. Another reason which makes it still more difficult for the Indian to believe that the flood was a punishment to the world is the fact that with him there is no sin. In his language there is no such word, nor does he expect to be punished for any of his acts.

But though there is no equivalent to the word sin in the Indian language (nor in the Indian mind until the Christians came), the Indians have their philosophy in regard to what is commonly so termed. Some of their teachers (most of whom claimed to have been taught the philosophy of life and its laws directly by disembodied spirits or by ethereal beings from other planets) taught that as man lives here so is his life hereafter. If he is quarrelsome or warlike here, so he will be in the more spiritual life. If he is serene and contented here, so he will be there, etc.

The deluge, as described by the few who were miraculously saved, was the more grandly terrible in that it came on suddenly. From the highlands occupied by the Indians they saw the waves of the sea sweep in upon the land and recede, only to advance with immensely increased volume and stupendously huge breakers. Then there came a terrific storm that seemed to blow from all and in all directions. The storm caused huge waterspouts which appeared over the wild ocean as far as the eye could see. The terrified people fled to the mountains, but these were all soon to be submerged, with the exception of one. This mountain which alone remained uncovered by the flood is called Avee-hellah (Mountain of the Moon), yet today it is not a very high mountain.

For awhile before the mountains became submerged there was a great calm, and a dense fog covered the earth. Then suddenly a mighty boat appeared to the awed view of the Indians. It approached and stopped at the several mountains still uncovered by the waters, and at each point where it touched, as if guided by invisible intelligence, the Indians, as if obeying an unspoken but potent command, entered the boat.

The boat rested first at a place called Avee-qua-lul (mountain peak), now Pilot Knob, on the border of Mexico. There was a mesa on the top of this mountain, though at this day it does not exist, and on this mesa the Indians first celebrated their delivery. This they did by playing sacred games, chanting sacred songs, etc. On rocks at the foot of this peak there are hieroglyphics in an unknown language, which some of the Indians believe were made by those who survived the flood.

Petrified driftwood is still to be seen two-thirds the distance up the sides of Avee-hellah, which drift, the Indians say, was deposited by the waves of the great flood.

The Indians, having rested for a time on the mountain peak, again entered the boat and were carried eastward, eventually to a small valley. Here they again rested, and then, leaving the boat, they wandered from one place to another, after a time returning to the valley. To their surprise, the boat was gone. It could not have floated away, for the land was dry whereon they had left it, the flood having subsided after a great calm of its wate... The boat could not have crumbled to pieces, for there had not been time for its decay. They could only conclude that the mysterious boat, having fulfilled its mission of preserving a few of their race, had disappeared as miraculously as it had appeared.

The spot where the mysterious boat, or ark, had rested was marked by the Indians placing there a huge log. They called the place Qual-jo-para (boat's resting place). This spot is held sacred by the Indians, who will seldom point it out to strangers. Not many hundred years ago, it is said, some Indian warriors were passing the spot, and one of them to show his skepticism shot an arrow into the side of the great log. Immediately a stream of blood gushed from the spot pierced, and the skeptic fell dead. The story of the event was carried to all the near tribes, and since then Indians passing the place fear to even look leisurely at the log.

A reason given by the Indians as the probable cause of the flood was that there was a tribe of Indians who, like Columbus, believed that the earth was not flat, but round, and to prove whether this theory were true thousands from the different tribes banded together and started out on a journey to find the edge of the earth if it was flat. The flood occurred soon after the Indians started on this journey, so that they really believed that those adventurers had reached the edge of the earth and their weight had tipped the earth to such an extent as to cause the water to rush in on the land.—Los Angeles Times.

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We received today a beautiful selection of children's hats, which we now have on sale at almost half price. We are showing a splendid assortment of Ladies' Satin Hats that have been marked down.

Ladies' Coat Suits reduced. We want the room for our Spring assortment of dresses. A wonderful reduction in Ladies' Cloaks: $7.50 Cloaks will be sold for $5.00; $10.00 Cloaks for $7.00; $15.00 Cloaks for $11.00, and $20.00 Cloaks for $15.00.

Something new in Dress Goods—The Little Herring-bone Serges in all colors have been received at 50c per yard. Try our yard-wide Black Surety Silk. With every dress or skirt pattern we sell we give an absolute guarantee. It will not split nor crack, signed by the factory, the same price as other silks, only $1.00 per yard.

Children's Shoes just received in all the pretty styles for Christmas presents. Try six pair of our Men's Not A Hole Sox, six pair guaranteed for six months, only 25c per pair. Ladies' and Children's Red Raven Hose, price only 25c per pair, every pair warranted. We have all styles of cheap socks from 5c per pair up.

Our Clothing Store is anxious to see you. All kinds of Boys' Clothing for Christmas, as well as Men's Clothing and Overcoats of all sizes. Men's and Boys' Caps as well as Hats in all shapes. This large store has grown on its merits. It is not a mushroom affair composed of hot air, but this makes our 21st Christmas that we have been selling you toys. Plenty more to say, but we have not got the space.

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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Monday, Dec. 14:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 37 degrees; 8 P. M. 46 degrees; maximum 52 degrees; minimum 32 degrees; mean 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 1.46 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Sunday at 8 A. M. 6.5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, warmer Tuesday; moderate south winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 15.

Sun Rises.....7:03 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:47 P. M.
Day's Lenth.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 12:50 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 3:14 A. M.

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Crystal Palace—Turkeys.
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E. Warren & Son—Holiday Specials.
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Stolen—Opera Glass.
Stolen—Tan Overcoat.
D. Newman & Son—Wanted.
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Southern Business College—Wanted Newspaper Man—Lease Daily or Weekly.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Yarbrough, of Commerce, Texas, are in the city guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Yarbrough, No. 415 South Fourth street.

—United States Marshal Claudius Dockery and Deputy Marshal W. G. Pool, of Raleigh, who are here attending Federal Court, are guests at The Orton.

—Captain James D. McNeill, the genial and gallant president of the State Firemen's Association, is among the visitors to the city, having come down yesterday to attend Federal Court.

—Among Sundays arrivals in the city were E. M. Toon, W. Ross Davis, R. C. Powell, Whiteville; R. W. Livermore, Red Springs, A. J. McKinnon, Maxton, and W. B. Cooper, Kenansville.

—Among the visitors to the city for the Federal Court are A. L. McCaskill and D. C. Downing, Fayetteville; J. B. Holland, Dunn; D. K. MacRae, Laurinburg; J. Sprunt Newton, Esq., Fayetteville.

—Mr. George Wilson, private secretary to Dr. Geo. G. Thomas, chief surgeon of the Atlantic Coast Line, left yesterday evening for Statesville, N. C., his former home, where he will spend some time recuperating his health, which has not been so good of late.

—Miss Charlotte Fennell returned to the city Saturday after an extended visit to Greensboro, N. C., where she and Miss Hardison, of Rocky Mount, were guests of Mrs. E. Colwell, Jr., and where they were shown many charming social attentions in the Gate City.

—Mr. Leo. Mattingly, of San Francisco, Cal., arrived Sunday on a visit of some time to his brother, Mr. Clarence Mattingly, No. 418 North Third street. This was the first time the brothers had seen each other for ten years and naturally the meeting was a most pleasant and agreeable one. Returning to 'Frisco, where he is a prominent traveling salesman for the Pacific coast territory, Mr. Mattingly will visit other relatives in Kentucky.

SEMINOLE AT HOME.

Revenue Cutter Returns From Shipyard After Extensive Repairs.

The revenue cutter Seminole, Capt. H. M. Broadbent in command, arrived in port yesterday for her Winter cruises after an absence of four months, leaving Wilmington on the 9th of August. She went direct to the shipyard at Newport News, Va., where she received extensive repairs. Immediately upon leaving the shipyards she went to Charleston to obtain a wrecking outfit, reaching here after an elapse of a few days.

With her two new deck houses and the thorough overhauling she has undergone, consisting of repainting, considerable repairs in the engineer's department and other general work, she shows up splendidly and presents a handsome appearance. The old deck houses have been changed to quarters for the petty officers.

During her absence there has been considerable change in the staff of the cutter, the new officers being Capt. H. M. Broadbent, who succeeds Capt. J. H. Quinan, as commanding officer; Second Lieutenant Yeager and Third Lieutenant Whittier. First Lieutenant Camden and First Lieutenant of Engineers Spier, who are well known here, and the same warrant officers are still on the Seminole.

Capt. Broadbent, who visited Wilmington some 12 years ago as first lieutenant of the revenue cutter Morrill, has made a splendid record in the service, and is probably remembered by many friends here. For over a year prior to transfer to the Seminole he has been in charge of construction work and in command of the revenue cutter Snohomisle, stationed at Wilmington, Del. He considers the change most agreeable.

At Charleston the cutter obtained a wrecking outfit and six mines and will leave for a short cruise up the coast tomorrow to destroy a small wreck which is considered dangerous to navigation.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The County Board of Education was in regular monthly session last night but transacted only routine business. All the schools were reported in flourinshing condition.

—Before Referee Geo. H. Howell in this city this morning at 11 o'clock there will be a final hearing in the bankruptcy case of the Whiteville Furniture Company.

—The remains of Kate Jenkins, the white woman who died in the disreputable quarter of the city on Saturday, were sent to Petersburg for interment instead of being buried here as was erroneously stated Sunday.

—A deed was filed for record yesterday conveying from E. G. Polly and wife, for $100 and other considerations, to J. Henry Hewlett, lot on Fifth street, 99 feet north of Castle, 33x165 feet in size.

—An interesting and instructive address is promised those who hear Dr. P. L. Gillette, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at Seoul, Corea, at the First Baptist church this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

—A called meeting of the executive committee of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association has been announced by President W. E. Springer through Secretary H. T. Bauman, to be held Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

—The sale of lots at Greenville station by Messrs. Powell & Co., yesterday afternoon attracted a good crowd and all but 15 or 16 of the places were disposed of. The remainder will be sold at auction at the Court House at a date to be announced later. Prices ranged from $50 to $95. The free lot went to Mr. Lonnie Buie, of Delgado. It was first drawn by Miss Frances Hedrick but she was not present and under the terms of the sale another drawing was made.

SHOT FATHER-IN-LAW.

Henry Spivey Arrested on Serious Charge and Held Here.

On the serious charge of shooting his father-in-law, at his home near Abbottsburg, Bladen county, last Thursday night, since which time he has remained a fugitive, Henry Spivey, colored, was locked up in the coach of a passenger train shortly after he boarded it at Bladenboro, by Conductor W. B. Williams, whom he recognized as the man wanted on the charge mentioned, and turned over to Officer Alex Wells, when the train reached Wilmington early yesterday morning. He was placed in the guard house and will be carried back to Bladen county today to stand trial. On the negro's person was found a pistol, $18 in money and a flask of whiskey. He stoutly denied the charge and says he believes that his father-in-law was shot by night riders, who, he stated, had threatened the people in that locality several times recently and for that reason he was afraid to stay at home. He stated that he carried the weapon to protect himself and that he had asked his father-in-law to leave that vicinity and until he could come to Wilmington and ask that some protection be provided for them. People who claimed to know Spivey stated that he had a questionable character, and was seen running away from his father-in-law's home after he had inflicted wounds that destroyed the sight of both eyes and left his father-in-law in dangerous condition.

TRAGIC DEATH AT WILSON

Grandson of Associate Justice Connor Accidentally Shot Himself.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 14.—After lingering between life and death since yesterday afternoon when he accidentally shot himself through the lower part of the stomach, the ball coming out his back, Henry Grove Connor, 13 years of age, a grandson of Associate Justice Connor, of the Supreme Court, died in the Wilson Sanitarium this afternoon.

Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock the boy with his first cousin, Harvey McNair, were playing "Indian" in the back yard of Mr. Geo. W. Connor's residence where they had a pistol belonging to Mr. Connor and from which they thought they had extracted the cartridges. Young Connor playfully turned the weapon towards himself, remarking "I'm going to show you how to commit suicide," pulled the trigger and the weapon fired. There were frequent hemorrhages from the wound and life was despaired of from the first. The family, the father being representative-elect from Wilson county, has just nursed one child through typhoid fever and it has been necessary to take another to Baltimore for treatment.

Proceedings of Police Court.

At yesterday's session of the Mayor's court, John Williams, a white man, an old offender, was given a preliminary hearing for assault with a deadly weapon on Mr. J. W. Blake, and sent to the higher court under $50 bond. Joe Yates, well known in police circles, for an assault on his wife, was given 30 days with judgment suspended on good behavior. Hartfield Candell was given a like sentence and Mary Butler, for disorderly conduct, was sent to the farm for 30 days. Mrs. Barbara Dunn, the white woman charged with keeping a disorderly house on Walnut street, was dismissed during the day.

A Christmas Suggestion.

A well established and popular custom is to open savings accounts with this bank and present them to children, relatives or friends as Christmas Gifts. If requested, we will mail pass book to address furnished, so that it will be received on Christmas morning. The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co. tu thu su

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The Theatre

Everything is in readiness for the appearance of the eminent romantic actor, Mr. James K. Hackett, and strong supporting company, in "The Prisoner of Zenda" at the Academy tonight. The third gallery of the theatre has been thoroughly renovated and will be thrown open to white people tonight at the price of general admission, this having been on account of an anticipated very heavy demand for seats for an attraction so extraordinary.

Mr. Hackett and company will arrive this morning on his special train of five cars from Fayetteville where he appeared to a large audience last night. Saturday night Mr. Hackett and company appeared in Charlotte and the Observer of Sunday spoke in highest terms of the production. The sale of seats is now in progress at Plummer's and the indications point to a large sale though a number of choice seats are yet unreserved.

At the Crystal Palace.

The new bill at the Crystal Palace opened up great yesterday, the Musical Smiths, Sid Barker & Co., Slater Brockman and others affording a variety of splendid amusement. Three turkeys will be awarded Friday night to the patrons this week who meet the conditions as announced daily from the stage.

Double Bill at The Bijou.

"How Mabel Found a Husband" and "Caught With the Goods," will be the new films at the Bijou today and each should prove quite attractive. The former is a little romance in which a pretty young girl, tiring of the company of a sleepy old father, puts glass in front of the country home and catches a wealthy autoist, who makes love, finally elopes with the girl in the big machine, is overtaken by the father and compels his blessing upon their subseqeunt marriage. The other film is of an old jeweler and his wife who go to sleep on a picnic in the woods, lose all their outer clothing to tramp thieves and are later nabbed when they carry a watch stolen in the escapade to the same old jeweler for repairs.

NATIONAL GUARD AFFAIRS.

Officers of Wilmington Naval Reserves—Fayetteville Infantry.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—The Adjutant General commissions Cuthbert Martin, J. M. Murphy and G. T. Williamson, respectively first and second lieutenants and ensign of the First Division, Naval Militia, Wilmington, Lieut. Martin commanding, vice John B. Peschau, resigned.

Commissions are also issued to E. R. Mackethan, A. R. Williams and Paul Watson, captain and first and second lieutenants, Co. F., of Fayetteville.

Insurance Commissioner Young says that same time ago the sale of stock of the Seminole Insurance Co., of Columbia, S. C., which figured in the stock of the Southern Life, was prohibited in this State for the reason that the company had not qualified through accurate sworn statements and taking out State license.

Charters are granted to the Southern Candy Co., Charlotte, capital $10,000 by J. B. Vreeland, W. W. Haywood and J. M. Porter; Union Drug Co., Monroe, by C. A. Long and others; J. Fleming Johnson Co., Gastonia and J. F. Cook Furniture Co., Elkin.

MR. J. E. GEORGE DEAD.

Passed Away in This City After a Week's Illness.

The death of Mr. J. E. George occurred yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at his home, No. 1117 North Second street, after an illness of one week and will be learned of by his acquaintances with much sorrow. The deceased was 53 years old and there are surviving a widow and five children, as follows: Mrs. Mary Lynch, Messrs. Charley, Johnny and Miss Josephine George, of this city, and Mrs. Leona Walker, of Long Creek.

The remains will be conveyed to Burgaw today, where the funeral will be held and the interment made.

Foresters Elect Officers.

Court Cape Fear 4906, Foresters, last night elected the following officers; Court Deputy, M. Bachrach; Past Chief Ranger, W. E. Yopp; Chief Ranger, B. D. Hamilton; Vice Chief Ranger, A. T. Young; Recording Secretary, A. F. Wagoner; Financial Secretary, R. E. McCrary; Treasurer, C. E. Woodberry; Orator, M. N. Johnson; Supt. Juvenile Court, T. B. Cox; Organist, C. L. Schulken; Senior Woodward, A. W. Cate; Junior Woodward, S. M. Spencer; Senior Beadle, C. A Ulmer; Junior Beadle, R. Tucker.

Death of a Child.

The death of Henry S. Johnson, the 8- months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. M. Y. Johnson, occurred Sunday afternoon at the home No. 60 Delgado, after an illness of several days. The funeral was held from the home yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and the remains were interred in Bellevue.

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When down town don't fail to see our new Toy Store, Market street, Bonitz Hotel.

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CONFERENCE CLOSES

(Continued From First Page.)

Clinton, W. C. Merritt; Whiteville and Vineland, D. C. Geddie; Chadbourn and Bolton, Charles E. Vale; Columbus, F. F. Eure, substitute; Carver's Creek, J. M. Marlowe, substitute; Mt. Tabor, L. E. Sawyer; Shallotte, T. C. Ellers, substitute; Town Creek, T. H. Bain, substitute; Southport, G. D. Langston.

Newbern District—R. F. Bumpass, presidingelder. Newbern, Centaur R. C. Beaman; Goldsboro, St. Paul, E. H. Davis; St. John's, J. H. Frizzelle; Goldsboro circuit, J. M. Carraway, substitute; Mt. Olive and Faison, E. E. Rose; Mt. Olive Circuit, R. F. Taylor; LaGrange, J. J. Boone; Hookerton, M. D. Giles; Snow Hill, G. B. Perry; Kinston, F. D. Swindell; Dover, M. W. Dargan; Grifton, L. B. Pattishall, substitute; Bridgeton, J. M. Wright; Jones, Philip Greening; Pamlico, F. T. Fulcher, substitute; Oriental, G. B. Webster; Carteret, D. A. Futrell; Morehead City, L. P. Howard; Beaufort, J. H. McCracken; Atlantic, F. S. Beckton, substitute; Straits, W. J. Watson; Ocracoke and Portsmouth, R. D. Daniels.

Washington District—A. McCullen, presiding elder. Washington, M. T. Plyler; Bath, F. E. Dixon; Aurora, C. R. Canipe; Swan Quarter, W. F. Sanford; Mattamusket, R. R. Grant; Fairfield, J. L. Rumley; Greenville, J. H. Shore; Vanceboro, E. D. Dodd, substitute; Ayden, J. E. Bridgers; Farmville, W. A. Forbes; Robersonville, J. C. Reynolds, substitute; Bethel, J. W. Autry; Tarboro, R. N. Willis; Rocky Mount, D. H. Tuttle; South Rocky Mount and Marvin, H. E. Tripp; Spring Hope and Mount Pleasant, B. E. Standfield; Stanhope, H. P. Reade; Elm City, R. E. Hunt; Wilson, G. F. Smith; Stantonsburg, J. W. Martin; Fremont, B. N. Black; Pinetops, H. E. Lance; N. C. Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Davis; Nashville, E. C. Sell.

Warrenton District—W. S. Rone, presiding elder. Warrenton, W. W. Rose; Warren, B. C. Thompson; Ridgeway, B. C. Allred; Henderson, First Church, R. C. Craven; North and South Henderson, W. B. Humble; Littleton, R. B. Broom; Weldon, S. E. Mercer; Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, W. A. Piland; Roanoke, J. T. Draper; Enfield and Halifax, J. E. Holden; Battleboro and Whitakers, W. Y. Everton; Scotland Neck, C. A. Jones; Hobgood, W. F. Galloway; Williamston and Hamilton, C. L. Read; Garysburg, D. L. Earnhardt; Northampton, J. C. Humble; Rich Square, W. F. Craven; Conway, S. T. Moyle; Murfreesboro and Winton, L. T. Singleton; Harrelsville, J. P. Pate; Bertie, J. G. Johnson; Littleton Female College, J. M. Rhodes.

Elizabeth City District—J. H. Hall, presiding elder. Elizabeth City, First Church, J. D. Bundy; Elizabeth City road, W. B. McRae; Camden, C. P. Jerome; Moycock, S. J. Kilpatrick, substitute; Currituck, H. M. Jackson; North Gates, B. P. Robertson; Gates, Rufus Bradley; Perquimans, J. H. M. Giles; Hertford, T. A. Sykes; Edenton, J. W. Potter; Chowan, William Towe; Plymouth, Junius A. Martin; Roper, J. M. Denson; Pantego and Belhaven, W. F. Jones; Columbia, A. W. Price; Dare, R. A. Bruton; Roanoke Island, W. H. Brown; Kitty Hawk, J. M. Whiston, substitute; Kennekeet, R. S. Beasley, substitute; Hatteras, W. E. Trottman.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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THE BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR

Takes Up Much Time of the Senate. Foraker Heard From—District of Columbia Affairs Chiefly Occupy Attention of House.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Brownsville affair consumed nearly the entire session of the Senate today. Senator Foraker obtained the floor early in the day and read letters from a former soldier of the 25th regiment telling of the procedure of Government detectives in attempts to get a confession from him. Mr. Foraker introduced an amendment to his original bill for the re-enlistment of these soldiers providing that a commission of three retired army officers be created to determine whether the discharged soldiers are innocent of complicity in in the shooting up of Brownsville as a pre-requisite for their re-enlistment instead of leaving that duty with the President as provided by the Warner bill.

Following these remarks the President's message giving the results of the War Department's investigation of the Brownsville affair was read and Mr. Foraker again took the floor to comment upon the message.

At 3:45 the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

While considering bills dealing with affairs in the District of Columbia the House today passed a measure providing for 85 cent gas in Washington. The bill now goes to the Senate, as well as another bill abolishing "bucketshops" in the District.

A bill providing for free lectures in the public schools was voted down.

An attempt by Representative Henry, of Texas, to obtain a change in the reference of a bill prohibiting the making of future contracts on agricultural products brought forth the promise from Chairman Scott, of the agricultural committee, that his committee would soon grant hearings to farmers' unions and others on this subject. The House voted to adjourn Saturday, December 19th, to Monday, January 4th, and adjourned for the day at 5 P. M.

TO INVESTIGATE EXCHANGES

A Committee Appointed by Governor Hughes Last Night.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Governor Hughes late tonight announced the appointment of a committee of nine consisting of bankers, business men and economists to inquire into the facts surrounding the business of exchanges of New York and suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws of the State bearing upon speculation in securities and commodities, or relating to the protection of investors or with regard to the instrumentalities and organization used in mailing securities and commodities which are the subject of speculation.

The committee named includes Horace White, author and editor, Charles Schrein, merchant, formerly mayor of Brooklyn, David Leavenetritta, former justice of the Supreme Court, Clark Williams State superintendent of banks, John P. Clark professor of political economy in Columbia University, William V. King, banker, President Columbia Trust Company; member of the firm of Faulkner, Page & Co.; Samuel H. Orday, lawyer New York; Edward D. Page of New York, and Charles Sprague Smith, director of People's Institute all of New York city.

Repudiating the Planters' Protective Association and denouncing the officers of the same, a large number of Christian county tobacco planters in mass meeting at Hopkinsville, Ky., yesterday formed the Farmers' Mutual Tobacco Association.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Supreme Court's Decision on Answering Questions Before Commission.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—In deciding today the cases of E. H. Harriman and O. H. Kahn vs. the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the Supreme Court of the United States held that the commission is not entitled under the Inter-State commerce law to press questions relative to private transactions, even though they involve dealings in the securities of Inter-State railroads, when the investigation of which such questions are a part has been begun upon the commission's initiative.

The opinion of the court was announced by Justice Holmes, and dealt with the refusal of Messrs. Harriman and Kahn to make reply to questions put by the commission in the course of an inquiry concerning the dealings of Mr. Harriman as president of the Union Pacific railway in the stocks of other railroad companies, many of which are competing lines. In the course of his opinion Justice Holmes said that the commission's inquiries should be confined to causes in which complaint had been made. He said also that the powers conferred in the Inter-State commerce law exceed any which have ever been delegated by a constitutional body of law makers.

In a dissenting opinion, concurred in by Justices Harlan and McKenna, Justice Day declared the effect of the opinion of the majority of the court would be to materially narrow the scope of the Inter-State Commerce law. These three justices took the position that the questions of the commission, so far as they were sustained by the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of New York, were entirely proper and under the law and should have been answered by Harriman and Kahn. Justice Harlan went even farther and held that oll of the commission's questions should have received responses. Justice Moody did not participate in the case.

REVENUE OFFICE CLOSED

This State and Virginia Will be Divided in Two Divisions.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—January 1st, the day that State prohibition goes into effect, the office of the United States revenue agent will be discontinued. North Carolina and Virginia will be divided into two divisions, with a portion of each State in each division with headquarters at Richmond with Revenue Agent W. H. Chapman and at Asheville, under Revenue Agent R. B. Sams.

The appearance of Mr. James K. Hackett at the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening will be an event of much social interest in Wilmington. His vehicle this season is "The Prisoner of Zenda;" and of a recent appearance in Norfolk, the Landmark of that city says: "'The Prisoner of Zenda' is an old play and has been frequently seen in Norfolk, but no production of it on any local stage has compared with that of last night, when James K. Hackett and a very capable company presented the pretty romance at the Academy of Music. Complete in its minutest detail, with the magnificent scenic effects and lavish dressing superb acting at times and always interesting enough to hold the closest attention of the audience, the performance will go down as one of the most finished ever seen in this city."

Rev. Dr. James I. Vance, of the North Reformed Church, of Newark, N. J., has received a call to the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church, of Atlanta, Ga., and next Monday a committee from Atlanta church will visit Newark to receive the answer.

A number of the members of the Savannah Automobile Club were entertained at a dinner last night in New York at Cafe Martin.

WARM WIRELETS.

C. E. Spencer, age 45, of Hugo, Va., was found asphyxiated in a hotel in Norfolk, Va., Sunday night. He is supposed to have only partially lighted a gas heater in his room, the gas from unlighted burners killing him.

The announcement of appointments to fill vacancies of House committees made by Speaker Cannon yesterday included Claud Kitchin, of North Carolina, naval affairs; O. C. Wiley, of Alabama, military affairs and militia.

Captain of Detectives F. J. Roberts, of Atlanta, Ga., left San Francisco yesterday in charge of Elma Long, wanted in a Southern city for pawning a diamond ring which he did not own. Long was formerly connected with the local claim department of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Sperandite Giovanni, an Italian seaman, who was seriously shot aboard the steamer Luckenback by the chief engineer Saturday, was brought to the Marine hospital at Key West, Fla., yesterday. The engineer was taken on to Baltimore, where he will be turned over to the proper authorities.

Roy Smith, the 7-year-old son of Mrs. Grace Smith, an actress, who, it was alleged, was kidnapped by his father, Hiram H. Smith on November 30th, while playing on the streets of Richmond, Va., was rescued yesterday by his mother who found the child at the home of Mrs. J. Crenshaw, in Halifax county, a sister of Smith.

—Catawba County News: Mr. R. S. Shuford was in to see us Tuesday. He stated that Mr. Marion Estado, who is traveling in the United States as a representative of the Argentine Republic collecting data on forage crops, dairying, silage, etc., had been out in his community looking over conditions and seemed highly pleased with the information gained.

Curious Old Laws.

Some of the old laws of Nepal, India, were curious. Killing cows ranked with murder as a capital offense, for instance. Every girl at birth was married with great ceremony to a betel fruit, which was then cast into a sacred stream. As the fate of the fruit was uncertain the girl was supposed never to become a widow. To obtain divorce from a husband a wife had only to place a betel nut under his pillow and depart. In Nepal the day is considered to begin when it is light enough to count the tiles on the roof or distinguish the hairs on a man's hand against the sky.

Trained.

"My men work well," said a police commissioner, "because they are well trained. Training, you know, is everything."

He paused and smiled.

"Two physicians were discussing," he said, "a certain pretty nurse.

"'Was she a trained nurse?' said the first physician.

"'She must have been,' replied the other. 'She hadn't been in the hospital a week before she was engaged to the richest patient.'"—Washington Star.

A Limited Luxury.

Two Irishmen were discussing the phenomenon of sleep. Said one, "Oi hear as wan av thim poethry lads calls it 'bald nature's hair reshtoorer.'"

"Yis," assented the other; "shlape's a grand luxury. It's a pity a man can't kape awake long enough to inj'y it. Jist whin he's thinkin' phat a foine long shnooze he'll be hovin', begorra, it's mornin'!"—Judge.

Gallant Lover.

"Silly boy," she said, "why did you get offended? Though my words were severe, you might have seen that I was smiling."

"Well," he replied magnanimously, "your mouth is so small I didn't notice it."—Philadelphia Press.

THE WEST POINT RIOT.

It Happened During the Cadetship of Jefferson Davis.

Closely connected with Benny Havens' was the great cadet riot of Christmas, 1826, in the middle of Jefferson Davis' third year. Before Christmas it was rumored through the barracks that Davis and other southern and southwestern cadets were going to explain to the other members of the corps the mysteries of eggnog. Cadets Davis, Tilghman and Temple were to get the necessaries from Benny's, but it seems that something prevented, and others had to get the materials. The authorities were suspicious and ordered the inspectors to stay up all night to keep order. This angered the cadets, and the preparations for the eggnog went on. In the dark of the morning of Dec. 25 the invitations were sent out. Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnston declined. J. B. Magruder, Drayton, C. J. Wright and others accepted. Davis was extending the invitations when he heard a rumor that Captain Hitchcock was abroad. He ran back to No. 5 north barracks, where the refreshments were collected, called out, "Put away that grog, boys; old Hitch is coming," and looked up to find that Hitchcock was already in the room. Davis was sent to his quarters under arrest, fortunately for him, for after some hilarious noise he went to sleep and did not get into the riot which then began. The instructors and officers were chased out of the halls into their own rooms and there besieged. The cadets obtained arms and organized the Helvetian league to protect themselves against the bombardiers, who, they heard, were ordered out to subdue them. Davis' roommate, Walter B. Guion of Mississippi, was the leader of the Helvetians. He secured a pistol and tried to shoot Captain Hitchcock. Some of the officers were badly bruised with stove wood that the cadets threw at them. After an hour or two the riot wore out. Later nineteen cadets, among them Guion, were court martialed and dismissed. Davis, with others, was kept long under arrest and given demerits.—Professor W. L. Fleming in Metropolitan Magazine.

Nature's Warning.

Wilmington People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come quietly—mysteriously.

But nature always warns you.

Notice the kidney secretions.

See if the color is unhealthy—

If there are settlings and sediment,

Passages frequent, scanty, painful,

It's time then to use Doan's Kidney Pills,

To ward off Bright's disease or diabetes.

Doan's have done great work in Wilmington.

Mrs. W. W. Mince, 706 S. Fifth St., Wilmington, N. C., says: "I am very thankful to Doan's Kidney Pills for the great benefit I received from their use. For a long time I was a victim of kidney trouble. The kidney secretions were so frequent in action at night that I was forced to get up several times and they also contained a heavy sediment. My back ached constantly and some days I could hardly get about to do my housework. I heard so much about Doan's Kidney Pills that I purchased a box at Robert R. Bellamy's drug store and began using them. They helped me more than anything I had ever taken strengthening my back and kidneys, and in fact, invigorating my whole system."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name — Doan's — and take no other.

Slightly Mixed.

They had just set up housekeeping and were working on the plan of economy. The bathtub needed a coat of varnish. He promised to attend to it if she would order the varnish.

"You'll find the varnish in the closet with the groceries, dear," she said a day or so later, "and the can opener in the knife drawer."

He opened the can and, according to his contract, applied the coat of varnish and then left it to dry.

The soup for dinner that day had to be abandoned, for somehow it possessed a peculiar paint shop odor that was nauseating. After dinner he took her to inspect his work on the bathtub. Now that it had dried it had a certain unnatural appearance. The top and sides were streaked, and here and there little lumps clung to it.

"The man said that was the best varnish," she explained, taking up the can of varnish for an examination. "but—why, dear, you have varnished the bathtub with the ox tail soup!"

"Then it was the varnish we ate, dear," he added, horror stricken.—Lippincott's.

Music as Advertised.

"Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," with illustrated cover.

"Trust Her Not," for 50 cents.

"I Would Not Live Always," without accompaniment.

"See, the Conquering Hero Comes," with full orchestra.

"There Was a Little Fisher Maiden," in three parts.

"The Tale of a Swordfish," with many scales.

"Home, Sweet Home," in A flat.

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

In every paper you pick up you will see where some good man has just died with this fearful disease pneumonia. Now we will give you one hundred dollars for any case of pneumonia that it fails to cure in your family, if you will use goose grease liniment as directed. It only costs you 25 cents a bottle, get it you have nothing to lose and all to gain, we know there are thousands who will read this and throw it aside and in a few days will be down with the disease. Please just get one bottle and put it away until you need it. If you haven't the money to buy it let us know and we will send you bottle free.

GOOSE GREASE CO.

no 24 tu-thu-sat-tf.

Buy your holiday goods at Rehder's store open each evening until 9 o'clock. **

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

GOOD BARGAIN—Three mules and log wagon all in good order, for sale cheap to close out. Hall & Pearsall, Nutt and Brunswick streets. de 15-1w

PONY FOR SALE—A beautiful small pony, gentle and city broke, worth $150, quick sale $100. Can be seen at stables of F. T. Mills & Son. de 15-2t

WANTED — Bright young man, about 16 years old, in dry goods business. D. Newman & Son, No. 12 Market street. de 15-1t.

STOLEN—One tan overcoat, size 44 and almost new. Return to Leger Meyer, 403 North Front street. de 15-1t*

STOLEN—One large opera glass, one side marked "S glasser," other side a compass. Return to Star office. de 15-1t*

A NEWSPAPER MAN of experience, a strong writer, wishes to lease a daily or weekly paper, with the ultimate view of purchase. Write "X" care of Star office. dec 15 17 19

FOR RENT—House 414 Walnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets. Rent reasonable. Apply to J. G. Wright & Son. dec 15 1t*

WANTED — Desirable boarding places for students. Terms must be reasonable. Quote rates two and four in room. The Southern Business College. dec 15 1t

FURNISHED ROOM—For one or two gentlemen. Modern, convenient and prices reasonable. Apply to 315 South Fifth street. dec 13 2t

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach barber trade in few weeks, mailed free. Moler Barber College, Atlanta, Ga. dec 13 3t*

A NEAT COTTAGE HOME—The nice home that you have wanted. Splendid location. Six room house, lot with 41 feet frontage. Just off car line, between Fifth and Sixth streets, on Ann street, No. 516. Come and see particulars. J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents, 124 Princess street. dec 13 4t

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

THE PARISH GUILD of St. John's Church will hold its annual Christmas sale in the Parish House, Third and Red Cross streets, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Public invited. Small articles a specialty. de 13-2t*

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

FOR SALE—An old established liquor firm in Baltimore, Md. In existence more than 70 years. Suitable for wholesale or retail trade and admirably adapted for mail order business. Elevator service. Address Maryland Liquor Co., 414-16 North Gay street, Baltimore, Md. de 12-3t.

WANTED—By young lady, position by January 1st, as stenographer. Has had experience. References furnished. Address "F." care of Star. de 12-3t.

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

NICELY FURNISHED or unfurnished rooms with or without board. Privilege of bath and 'phone. Carolina House, 414 1-2 North Front street. de 9-6t.

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

FOR SALE—A gentle combination, horse, runabout and harness. Apply to Moses Bear, 18 Market street. dec 4 tf

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

STATEMENT CONDITION

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$2,574,534 92
N. C. State and other Bonds		188,004 25
U. S. Bonds (at par)		550,000 00
Bank Buildings		55,000 00
Cash		1,228,698 18
		$4,596,237 35

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 550,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	298,134 69
Circulation	550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	3,098,102 66
	$4,596,237 35

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President
J. W. YATES, Vice President.
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

Bankrupt stock of Millinery

Purchased By

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

We will sell in our millinery department part of a stock of fine millinery, together with our entire stock, for one week beginning

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th, to SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th.

The stock consists of fine feathers, plumes, wings, flowers, ribbons and ornaments. Every trimmed hat in our store at half price. None laid aside; every hat will be for sale.

$30.00 Hats,	$15.00	$25.00 Hats,	$12.50	$20.00 Hats,	$10.00
15.00 Hats,	7.50	12.00 Hats,	6.00	10.00 Hats,	5.00
8.00 Hats,	4.00	6.00 Hats,	3.00	5.00 Hats,	2.50

OSTRICH PLUMES.
25 per cent. reduction.

$18.00 white or black, long fine Ostrich Plume, for $13.50
$12.00 black of white fine Ostrich Plume for $9.00
$8.00 black or white fine Ostrich Plume, for $6.00
One lot of fine colored Ostrich Plumes, worth $5.00 and $6.00 each. Bankrupt Sale Price, each only $3.00

25c — FELT SHAPES. — 25c

One table of fine French Felt Shapes, sold for $1.50 to $5.00, will be on a table for your choice at 25c

WINGS AND FANCY FEATHERS.
One-third off price.

Our own stock included in this sacrifice sale.

$2.00 Fancy Wings and Feathers $1.33
$1.50 Fancy Wings and Feathers $1.00
$1.00 Fancy Wings and Feathers 67c
75c Fancy Wings and Feathers 50c

Large assortment of Veilings in all colors. Nets, Dotted Veils, Chiffon Veilings, all go at a reduction of 20 per cent.

The entire stock of Velvets at greatly reduced price. Prices range from 50c to $3.00 a yard.

FLOWERS AND TRIMMED HATS.
Half off—Half off.

A fine assortment of Fine Imported and Domestic Flowers. Some of our own stock included, will be sold at half their former price. A rare chance is given you during this sale.

Every trimmed hat at just half price. Ladies, can't you use another hat at these prices?

35c, 50c and 65c Ribbons, all on a table at one price, per yard 25c

The sale will last one week. Come early and get your pick. No trading stamps in millinery department this week.

THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

WE HAVE

The Prettiest Assortment of

BRASS GOODS

Consisting of
FIRE FENDERS
FIRE SETS
and
ANDIRONS

Ever shown in this city.
Also a nice assortment of
ANDIRONS IN BERLIN BLACK
Prices to suit everybody.

J. W. Murchison & Co
HARDWARE.

nov 15 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Charlotte News: The pensions to be distributed in Mecklenburg county this year is $8,617, a larger amount than has ever before been paid out in Mecklenburg at any one time. There is only one pensioner in the county who is rated first class, receiving $72 per year, this being Mr. J. M. Thomas.

—Asheville, Dec. 12.—Information from Waynesville is to the effect that Mr. H. R. Ferguson, Representative-elect from Haywood county, is critically ill at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and that little hope is entertained for his recovery. It is understood that Mr. Ferguson is suffering from a leakage of one of the valves of the heart.

—Goldsboro Argus: The street car rail is laid from the depot to the Bank of Wayne corner, and the work of grading and evening up the street goes on steadily. From the bank corner to West Centre street and thence on to join and thus complete the line coming in from "Revilo Park" and East Goldsboro is now the absorbing topic of progressive interest—and then to see the street cars running.

—Lenoir News: Panic or no panic, our cotton mils in Lenoir and Hudson are doing a good, safe business. The Lenoir mill will pay a dividend of 5 per cent. and the Hudson mill 6 per cent., this being the third dividend paid in the last twelve months, to-wit: January last, each mill paid a 10 per cent. dividend, and June, each mill paid 5 per cent. dividend—add to this the dividend that will be paid in January and you have for the Lenoir mill 20 per cent. and for Hudson 21 per cent. paid in the last twelve months.

—Laurinburg Exchange: Since the subscription started for a new mill, so much stock has been asked for by various parties in and out of the county that it seems an assured fact that a 15,000-spindle mill will be built. The first idea was to build a 10,000-spindle mill. This mill will be under the same management as the Dickson and Scotland Mills. If we judge the future by the past, we can assure prospective subscribers that the new mill will be a complete success.

—Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 12.—Judge James E. Boyd in Federal court today brought to an abrupt end the suit of the Charlotte National Bank against the Southern Railway for forty thousand dollars. The plaintiff yesterday made a motion that the court direct the verdict in favor of the plaintiffs and the defendant railroad entered a similar plea in its own behalf. The two sides spent one and one-half days in arguing these motions and shortly after noon today the court decided in favor of the defendant, granting the motion to direct the verdict in favor of the railroad.

—Charlotte Chronicle: A Statesville jeweler has given an object lesson to people who sent their money to mail-order houses in preference to buying things they can see at home. The Landmark says this jeweler has gathered together nearly four dozen brass watches which local people have brought from mail-order houses that represented the watches to be gold, or something better than brass. Mr. Henry has placed these in a show case in front of his store and pins this explanation: "These all came from mail order houses. Get smart; send your money to mail order houses and get treated likewise."

—Rocky Mount Record: A. B. Barlow the young man arrested in this city upon charges sent by the Richmond police, was returned to Richmond by the morning train. The requisition papers were yesterday issued by Governor Glenn and the Richmond officer arrived last night to return with the man. Of his arrest and the charge against him the Richmond Leader has the following to say. Governor Swanson today issued a requisition on the Governor of North Carolina for the delivery of A. B. Barlow, now in custody at Rocky Mount, N. C., and who is wanted here to answer a charge of forging the name of F. M. Barlow and obtaining from one of the warehouses of the city the sum of $26.05.

—The new Young Women's Christian Association building of the Piedmont Manufacturing Company, was formally opened on Thursday evening, December 10th. This building, erected by the company, is the pride of the entire village which has been looking forward to its opening since the organization almost a year ago. It has office, assembly rooms, rooms for school, social, club, gymnasium work and shower baths, and for domestic arts and domestic science work. The rooms have been prettily furnished by the company, but the people also have had a share through their offerings of sofa pillows, clocks, pictures, etc. Under the brilliant electric lights the new furnishings and the decorations of holly and red ribbons, made a scene long to be remembered as guests entered the building.

—Charlotte Observer: It is currently reported and generally credited that ex-Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, who resigned the judgeship last week to enter "the service of a large corporation" will become an associate of Major John D. Shaw, of Rockingham, general counsel of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, in the near future, his office doubtless being that of associate general counsel. Judge Neal is admittedly one of the first lawyers of the State, a gentleman of fine legal mind, splendid training and long experience and possessed of rare judgment in the handling of important matters of legal business. Major Shaw has been one of the leaders at the bar for many years and should such an arrangement as that suggested be perfected, it would relieve him of much worry and responsibility. Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, who succeeds Judge Neal, is quite well known in Charlotte. He is recognized as a jurist of undobted parts and pre-eminent ability.

We're Growing Some

"To buy Clothes and Toggery,
There's no place like J. M. SOLKY & CO.

"To buy a Fall Suit for business or dress,
There's no place like J. M. SOLKY & CO.

"To buy a Fall Top Coat, Rain Coat or Overcoat,
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"To buy a good pair of Trousers for any purpose,
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"When looking for the correct Hat, the latest Tie,
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EVERYBODY SAYS IT

The people's verdict pleases us—music to our ears, we appreciate the good things said to us and so—
We're Growing Some.

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The Only One-Price Clothiers and Furnishers Here.
MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING.

dec 12 tf

WHY SPEND YOUR MONEY FOR TRASH

when you can buy so many useful, and serviceable Christmas presents from

C. H. FORE & Company

A new lot of furs just in by express.

dec 6tf

Xmas Presents

By calling at our store you can relieve your mind as to what to get or select for Christmas Presents.

Clothing, Shoes, Gents Furnishings, Hats, Trunks, (Mufflers, White and Fancy,) Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, etc.

Bath Robes nice quality, handsome trimmings. Price $5.00.

Smoking Jackets a full assortment the proper thing for Xmas present. Price $5.00.

Silk Mufflers and Reefers in Black, white and high colors, Scarfs, Ties—Ways Mufflers.

Gloves, of all discription, big line of Kid Gloves, Black, Tan and Gray. Wool Gloves for Children, Ladies and Gentlemen.

SOCKS AND STOCKINGS

HOLEPROOF—Mens Holeproof reduced to $1.50 per Box fromer price $2.00.

Ladies Holeproof $2.00 per box put up in fancy Holiday boxes, a fine Christmas present.

Humpty Dumpty Stockings and Buster Brown Shoes.
for Boys and Girls, try them for your children they will wear longer, and look so much better.

HERRICK SHOES for Ladies and Misses—neat and snappy styles, we have all sizes. See us if you have trouble in getting a fit.

HUMANIC SHOES for Men. Also a full line of Worth's Cushion Sole comfort shoes for tender feet.

SUIT CASES—beautiful cases for Xmas presents.

J. W. H. FUCHS

128 to 134 South Front Street.

dec 13 tf

NORTH CAROLINA BUCKWHEAT & MAPLE SYRUP

J. HARGROVE TAYLOR

131 Market St. GROCER. Phone 1052

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Academy of Music

Tuesday Night, Dec. 15th.

MR. JAMES K. HACKETT

In a Big Scenic Production

"The Prisoner of Zenda"

Seats on sale Monday, Dec. 14th. All seats downstairs $2, save the last four rows. First two rows upstairs, $1.50. General admission 50 cents.

100 BOXES FLORIDA ORANGES

100 box Raisin.
50 bags Cocoanuts.
200 box Figs.
1,000 bags Rice, all grades.

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Samuel Bear, Sr., & Sons

18 Market Street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

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NO SAILING

Only in a canoe by myself. $1.00 to $1.25 Shirts at 69 cents.

TAYLOR THE TAILOR

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is in store for you if you will have that old carriage of yours repaired and refinished by J. O. Brown. In its glory of new paint and varnish it will look like a new one, and furnish you just as much satisfaction.

J. O. BROWN

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dec 10 tf

REMOVAL

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.

AGAIN

The Christmas Season

is at hand and Gifts for all must be provided.

Do you know of any gift to the family or friend which would be appreciated as much as one of our Bank Books with a few dollars to their credit?

Make the deposit today while this suggestion is fresh in your mind.

4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly will start Jan. 1st.

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MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Southern Bldg. Opp. Postoffice

nov 18-tf.

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Architect
and Consulting Engineer
408 Southern Building.

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Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 41
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 p.
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 p.
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 42.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 p.
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 a.
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 a.
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 a.
Lv Norfolk		8:25 a.
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 a.
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 a.
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 p.
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:58 p.
Ar Goldsboro.....	8:15 am	3:00 p.
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN ILMINGTON AND TE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SAN FORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	North-bound.	South-bound.
Lv. Wilmington..	3:20 pm	1:00 p.
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 a.

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 65 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.

Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Schedule effective November 29th, 1908. Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal cities, South and Southwest. also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 44 at 12:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

No. 40 arrives 12:20 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta. No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh, No. 81 from New York and Washington, and all points North and South.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or Call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS,
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CAROLINA RENOVATING CO.

Rooms 13-27 Odd Fellows Bldg., Front and Princess streets.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

TO

THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 I. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINK AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:45, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10 8:1, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

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STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 37 1-2.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.70.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 43; rosin $2.70; tar steady $1.60; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	45
Rosin	234
Tar	151
Crude Turpentine	109

Receipts—Same day last year, 42 casks spirits turpentine; 111 barrels rosin; 121 barrels tar; 84 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 3-8 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 11 3-8 cents.

Receipts—1,394 bales, same day last year 4,146 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 12th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Firm at 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr.flint, 10; green, dull 6c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 21 1-2c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 18c dressed. Good demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market had a sharp break during the day, but recovered most of the loss in the late trading and closed very steady at a net decline of 1 to 6points. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales. The market opened barely steady at a decline of 2 to 6 points and quickly sold off to a net loss of 7 to 9 points under scattering liquidation and local bear pressure, although the English market made a fairly steady showing.

At this level there was enough covering to cause a slight rally during the middle of the morning, but there was no sign of bull support and the market soon weakened again under the large estimates for tomorrow's leading points and a renewal of liquidation. After showing a net loss of 10 to 12 points on the active months, with January touching 8.44 and May 8.60 or within 2 points of the lowest prices of last Friday, however, the market rallied on a rumor that the preliminary figures of the National Ginners' Association showed only 720,000 bales ginned during the period from Dec. 1st to Dec. 13th. There was considerable covering toward the close and last prices were at practically the best point of the day. Southern spot markets officially reported were unchanged to 1-8c. New York receipts of cotton were about 14,000 bales of which 8,294 were consigned on order, and will probably be inspected for delivery on December contracts.

Receipts at the ports today were 59,019 bales against 63,143 last week and 61,232 last year; for the week 380,000 bales against 410,667 last week and 400,715 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 22,656 bales against 13,532 last year and at Houston 17,485 bales against 13,358 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling upland 9.10; middling gulf 9.35; sales 5,200 bales. Futures opened barely steady and closed very steady.

Month.	Open	Close.
December	8.88	8.90
January	8.55	8.53
February	——	8.52
March	8.63	8.62
April	——	8.61
May	8.69	8.62
June	——	8.67
July	8.67	8.67
August	8.55	8.53
September	——	8.44
October	8.46	8.45

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Quiet, 8 13-16; net receipts 22,656; stock 276,651.

New Orleans—Quiet and steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 11,677; stock 293,749.

Mobile—Quiet and steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 3,598; stock 76,102.

Savannah—Dull, 8 7-16; net receipts 8,904; stock 159,039.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 5-16; net receipts 1,071; stock 28,363.

Wilmington—Steady, 8 3-8; net receipts 1,394; stock 26,463.

Norfolk—Quiet, 8 13-16; net receipts 5,160; stock 48,855.

Baltimore—Nominal, 8 7-8; stock 29,324.

New York—Quiet, 9.10; net receipts 104; stock 116,794.

Boston—Quiet, 9.10.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.35; net receipts 3; stock 5,817.

San Francisco—Net receipts 4,421.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 851.

Total today, at all ports, 59,019; Great Britain 1,577; France 13,472; Continent 8,013; Japan 5,272; stock 1,118235.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 114,869; Great Britain 45,642; France 13,472; Continent 8,013; Japan 4,421.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 5,428,672; Great Britain 150,680; France 531,056; Continent 1,662,400; Japann 54,638; Mexico 1,503.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Quiet, 8 13-16; net receipts 17,485; stock 137,814.

Augusta—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 2,062; stock 100,060.

Memphis—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 5,372; stock 72,283.

St. Louis—Dull, 9; net receipts 1,350, 35,687.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 689; stock 18,461.

Louisville—Firm 9 1-8.

Little Rock—Quiet, 8 3-8; net receipts 1,336; stock 41,451.

Total today—Net receipts 28,294; gross receipts 36,571; shipments 33,098; sales 5,807; stock 505,764.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Cotton: Spot moderate business done, prices unchanged. American middling fair 5.39; good middling 5.03; middling 4.87; low middling 4.67; good ordinary 4.16; ordinary 3.76.

The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,700 American. Receipts 28,000 including 18,800 American. Futures opened steady and closed quiet: December 4.65; December and January 4.62 1-2; January and February 4.62; February and March 4.61 1-2; March and April, April and May 4.61; May and June 4.61 1-2; June and July 4.62; July and August 4.61; August and September 4.55; September and October 4.51; October and November 4.49; November and December 4.47; December and January 4.46 1-2; January and February 4.46.

THE DRY GOCDS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The dry goods market opened steady with moderate orders received in the mails. The House trade is confined to small purchases for quick shipments. Anticipations of orders are frequently reported and trade appears to be moving along steadily, especially outside of the metropolitan district. Raw silk is firmer. Dress goods are in moderate request. The trade is light but steady with the miscellaneous ports, the China trade still being quiet. Yarns opened easy.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Speculative operations in stocks were restrained by the outlook in the money market but in the absence of actual withdrawal of credits there was no active pressure to sell. The marking up of prices here and there in the list was a sustaining influence and facilitated what profit taking sales were made without much effect on prices until a sudden relapse at the end which wiped out the gains. The report of sub-treasury operations revealed the principal factor of depletion of bank reserves in the gain of Saturday of that institution of $10,523,000, bringing the loss of the banks to the Government for the new banking week to $15,337,000. These changes are due to the payments for subscriptions to the Panama canal bonds. This sum, added to the $2,900,000 gold shipped to Paris on Saturday which has not yet figured in the bank statement, stands opposed to a surplus reserve of the banks on Saturday of $16,899,625.

The possibility of a check to the gold outgo was a factor in the strength shown by the stock market. One of the day's incidents that had a sentimental effect on the speculation was the rise in the price of Standard Oil in the curb market to about 700 for the first time in over three years. The Supreme court decision exempting E. H. Harriman from the obligations to answer questions to the Inter-State Commerce Commission was regarded as a step towards restrictions of the power of the Commission. American Smelting was the weak feature. This, coupled with the flurry to 3 1-2 per cent., in call money caused the late break in prices.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $5,680,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of today 1,050,000 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Money on call firm 2 1-4 to 3 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-2, closing bid 2 1-2, offered at 2 3-4. Time loans stronger, sixty and ninety days 3 1-4 per cent, six months 3 3-4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange easy with actual business in bankers bills at 4.85 to 4.8510 for sixty day bills and at 4.8710 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 4.84 7-8. Bar silver 48 3-4. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103 1-4
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	107 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 1-2
L. & N. Unified 4s	102
Seaboard Air Line 4s	63 1-2
Southern Railway 5s	108 1-8
U. S. Steel 5s	102 3-4

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	82
Amr. Car & Foundry	46 3-4
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	107 1-2
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	41 3-4
Amr. Locomotive	55 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref.	84 1-2
Amr. Sm. & Ref. pfd	102 1-2
Amr. Sugar Refining	131 1-2
Amr. Tobacco pfd.	92 1-4
Atchison	97 7-8
Atchison pfd	102 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line	110 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio	111
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	57 1-2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150 1-4
Colorado Southern	55 1-2
Erie	34 3-4
Erie 1st pfd	49 1-2
Erie 2nd pfd	40
Great Northern pfd	141 1-8
Kansas City Southern	37 1-8
Kan. City Southern pfd	66 1-2
L. & N.	122 1-2
Norfolk & Western	84 1-4
Northern Pacific	142 1-4
Pennsylvania	130 1-4
People's Gas	100 1-2
Reading	141 1-4
Rock Island Co.	23 7-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	60 1-4
Southern Pacific	120 1-2
Southern Pacific pfd	123 1-2
Southern Railway	24 7-8
Southern Railway pfd	59 1-4
Standard Oil	702
Union Pacific	182 5-8
U. S. Steel	54 1-8
U. S. Steel pfd	112 3-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	113
Western Union	68 1-8
Westinghouse Electric Co	88

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Flour dull and nominally lower; receipts 23,045.

Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red 1.06 1-2 to 1.08 elevator. Options closed weak and 5-8 to 1 1-8c net lower. Dec 1.08 1-2; May 1.10 1-8; July 1.04 1-4.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 66 elevator. Options net unchanged 68; May, July and Sept. 68 3-8.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 55 to 55 1-2.

Lard—Firm.

Pork—Easy.

Tallow—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Strong.

Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3.36.

Coffee—Quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 1-2 to 6 3-8; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2.

Butter—Steady; fancy table grades firm; lower sorts slow; creamery specials 32 (official price) 21 1-2; extras 31 to 31 1-2; third to first 23 to 30; held common to sepcial 22 to 29; State dairy, common to special 21 to 29; process, common to special 18 to 25.

Cheese—Firm; State ful cream specials 14 1-2 to 15 1-2; September large and small, colored or white 10 1-2 to 14; skims full to special 2 1-2 to 11 3-4.

Eggs—Firmer; State, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 48 to 50; fair to choice 43 to 47; brown and mixed fancy 35 to 38; fair to choice 30 to 34.

Cotton Seed Oil—Steady for spot while futures were easier under bear pressure. Prime crude 29 1-2 to 30; prime summer yellow 38 1-4 to 38 3-4; off summer yellow 36 1-2 to 37 3-4; good off summer yellow 37 to 38; prime white 39 to 41 1-2; prime winter yellow 44 to 45 3-4.

Potatoes—Steady; Maine in bulk per 180 pounds 2.50 to 2.62 1-2; State and Western, per barrel 2.25 to 2.37; Long Island 2.75 to 2.87; Jersey 2.00 to 2.12; foreign, per bag 1.90 to 2.00; Southern sweets, per barrel 1.75 to 2.50; Jersey 2.00 to 2.50.

Cabbages—Firm; State, per ton 22.00 to 26.00; red, per ton 32.00 to 38.00.

Freights to Liverpool—Steady; grain by steam 1 3-4d; cotton by steam 12c.

Peanuts—Quiet; fancy handpicked 4 1-2 to 4 3-4; other domestic 2 to 4 1-2.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Selling by local holders caused weakness today in the wheat market, prices at the close showing net declines of 3-4@7-8 to 1 1-8c. Corn, oats and provisions closed steady.

Leading futures weer as follows:

	Open	High	Close.
Wheat.			
Dec.	1 00 5-8	1 00 3-4	1 00
May	1 06	1 06 1-8	1 05
July	98 1-4	98 3-8	97 1-2
Corn.			
Dec.	57 7-8	58	57 3-4
May	61 3-8	61 5-8	61 1-2
July	61 5-8	61 3-4	61 5-8
Oats.			
Dec.	50 3-8	50 3-8	50 1-4
May	52 5-8	52 3-4	52 3-8
July	47 1-4	47 5-8	47 3-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	15 65	15 80	15 72 1-2
May	16 00	16 15	16 07 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 10	9 17 1-2	9 15
May	9 37 1-2	9 42 1-2	9 40
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	8 15	8 22 1-2	8 20
May	8 45	8 47 1-2	8 47 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, Easy. No. 2 spring wheat 1.05 to 1.06 1-2; No. 3, 98 to 1.05; No. 2 red 1.00 to 1.01 3-4. No. 2 corn 58 1-4 to 58 1-2; No. 2 yellow 58 1-2 to 58 3-4. No. 2 white oats 52; No. 3 white 50 1-2 to 52 1-4. No. 2 rye 74 to 74 1-2. Good feeding barley 58 to 59. Fair to choice malting 60 1-2 to 63 1-2. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.45 1-2. Prime timothy seed 3.85. Clover contract grades 9.40. Short ribs, sides (loose 7.87 1-2 to 8.25. Mess pork, per bbl. 14.45 to 14.55. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.15. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.37 1-2 to 8.62 1-2.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Rosin steady. Turpentine easy 41 3-4.

Charleston, Dec. 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 38c. Rosin firm. Quote: A B C, 2.90; D, 2.90; E, 2.95.

Savannah, Dec. 14.—Spirits turpentine firm 38 to 38 1-4; sales 1,167; receipts 926; shipments 440. Rosin firm; sales 1,815; receipts 2,654; shipments 1,016; stock 153,678. Quote: B D E F, and G, 3.0 to 3.02 1-2; H, 3.40 to 3.45; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

MARINE

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Br. str. Holmlea, 1,143 tons, Airey, New York, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schr. Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, Port Tampa, C. D. Maffitt.

Str. Carib, Devereaux, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. Duplin, Smith's Bridge, Stokes, J. A. Munn.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—146 bales cotton; 5 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—14 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—1,218 bales cotton; 51 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—9 casks spirits turpentine; 83 barrels tar; 11 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & N. Railroad—35 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. May Flower—11 casks spirits turpentine; 67 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Lillie Pearl—4 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 31 barrels rosin; 7 barrels tar.

Schr. J. C. Allen—20 bales cotton; 10 casks spirits turpentine; 69 barrels rosin; 12 barrels tar.

Schr. Addie May—6 bales cotton; 13 casks spirits turpentine; 67 barrels rosin; 30 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,294 bales cotton; 45 casks spirits turpentine; 234 barrels rosin; 151 barrels tar; 109 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Langoe, (Br.) 2,466 tons, Nisbet, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Helena (Br.) 2,708 tons, Kelley, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Valhalla, (Br.) 1,660 tons, Merryfield, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Holmlea, (Br.) 1,143 tons, Airey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

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Crude Turpentine.

Distillers quote crude turpentine as follows: $3.00 for dip and virgin, and $2.00 for hard.

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Report of the Condition of

The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts		$ 957,110.34
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	3,740.29	
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	200,000.00	
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	66,690.00	
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	4,550.35	
Bonds, securities, etc.	49,885.00	
Banking House, furniture and fixtures	5,000.00	
Other real estate owned	None	
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in		$ 200,000.00
Surplus Fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		33,032.35
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks	$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the abovenamed bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

Correst—Attest:

MATT J. HEYER,
J. A. TAYLOR,
ISADORE BEAR,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov. 1908.

CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

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SENATOR FORAKER TAKES THE FLOOR

In Defense of Negro Troops in The Brownsville Affair.

AMENDMENT TO THE BILL

For Their Re-enlistment Introduced by Him—He Strongly Advocates the Cause of the Negro Soldiers in Lengthy Speech.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Foraker today introduced an amendment to the bill providing for the re-enlistment of negro troops discharged without honor because of alleged participation in the affray at Brownsville, Texas, and addressed the Senate concerning the amendment. He proposes in his new measure to establish a tribunal consisting of retired army officers, naming these officials in the bill, before whom evidence may be submitted as to the guilt of defendants, and before whom the defendants themselves might appear to answer charges.

The measures is so drawn as practically to take out of the hands of the executive and give to a tribunal appointed by Congress full authority to consider the Brownsville question and by its findings provide for the re-enlistment of the discharged negroes.

In addressing the Senate Mr. Foraker said it was an elementary proposition in American law that the accused may have an opportunity to confront the accuser and to appear in person and answer evidence with evidence. He said that he had not expected it would be necessary to enter upon a new investigation of the Brownsville question, but that during the summer letters had been coming to him from these discharged negro soldiers declaring that detectives were constantly engaging them in conversation. "These men," said Senator Foraker," are not secret service detectives of course, for they would have no right under the law to engage in such service."

Continuing the Senator spoke of the activities of the detectives, as outlined by his correspondents, saying that in many cases they went so far as to take up their dwelling with the discharged soldiers for the purpose of securing their confidence and spying upon their movements. The Senator read some extracts from the letters, a large batch of which he held in his hand as he spoke.

One of the soldiers wrote to Senator Foraker that he was questioned by a detective in respect to any letters he might have received from the Senator. "There seems to be a good deal of interest about my correspondents" added Mr. Foraker.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Foraker's remarks, Mr. Culberson asked that the President's message on the Brownsville affair be read and Vice President Fairbanks directed that that be done, all Senators present remaining in their seats and listening attentively to the reading.

Senator Foraker took the floor as soon as the President's massage and the accompanying reports had been read. He read a letter from Boyd Conyers, a discharged soldier, who is alleged to have made a confession to a colored detective name Lawson, whose repovt accompanies others contained in the document made up by the War Department, and read today. In his letter to Senator Foraker Conyers speaks of the visit of Lawson to Monroe, Georgia, where Conyers has been living. Conyers says he learned that Lawson was there to "pick" him and that he had the "high sheriff" arrested Lawson. As Lawson had not had an opportunity to have a private talk with Conyers, according to the latter's letter, it made him angry and Conyers says Lawson "told lies "to the sheriff about him.

At this point, Mr. Foraker referred caustically to this colored detective, calling attention to the fact that his "high sounding, smooth, logical report is signed with his mark," and, pausing to look around the Senate, the Senator added: "When this thing is gone to the bottom of, all honest men will be ashamed of it."

Mr. Foraker said the statement of the President concerning this investigation by detectives showed the propriety of adopting such a provision as that embodied in his amendment. "It seems to me," he said, "that one of the worst features of this whole unfortunate business is that this man should now be pursued in this way by secret detectives in the manner I have described."

Senator Foraker read a letter he had written to Conyers in which he said he (the Senator) would "look after" the detectives who were visiting him "at the proper time." "That promise will be made good," declared Mr. Foraker. "Enough has been shown," he asserted, "to make it the imperative duty of the Senate to create a tribunal before which these men can go and receive a hearing. Is there anything more serious than this proceeding against these men? This is the sixth time they have been put on trial, and five times they have been acquitted, in my opinion."

On motion of S. Davies Warfield, R. Lancaster Williams and Edward C. Duncan, receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court yesterday at Richmond authorized an issue of $4,250,000 in receivers' certificates, payable semi-annually at 5 per cent. The certificates are issued to pay the debts of the corporation under the receivership and to make improvements in its facilities.

THORNTON HAINS' TRIAL

Six Jurors Secured After a Wearisome Examination of Talesmen—Charged as Accessory in Killing Annis.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.—When court adjourned tonight after two long sessions consumed in wearisome examinations of talesmen, six jurors sat in the jury box competent to try Thornton J. Hains, a short story writer, on charges of being an accessory in the killing of William E. Annis, an editor, shot down at the Bayside Yacht Club last summer by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., of the United States Army. The difficulty of securing a jury because of opinions formed became apparent that a night session be held. Justice Crane hopes that the trial may be concluded by the end of the week.

The questioning of talesmen by Hains' consel indicates that the defense will be based principally on the proposition that Thornton Hains, fearing that his brother's life was in jeopardy, from the crowd at the club house, drew his revolver and held the crowd back. His act was one of defense, and not of offense, according to his counsel.

John F. McIntyre, of counsel for Hains, announced tonight that Hains would take the witness stand in his own defense. He will likely tell of those events at Fort Hamilton which led up to the separation of Captain Hains and his wife and to the tragedy. Mr. McIntyre will also offer in evidence the alleged confesion made by Mrs. Claudia Hains to her husband.

Consel for the defense were subpoened by District Attorney Darrin tonight to appear as witnesses in the case. Mr. Shay, of Hains counsel, said Mr. Darring desired to secure the possession of certain letters written by Thornton J. Hains to Captain Hains last Spring asking him to return from the Philippines.

Thornton J. Hains took a lively interest in the examination of talesmen and frequently chatted with his counsel over some of the answers of prospective jurors. Whenever the State's attorney asked a talesman if he knew the defendant Hains would smile and point to himself to indicate that he was the defendant and not one of the numerous counsel who were grouped about him. Hains said he had every confidence that he would each Christmas dinner at home. After the adjournment of court he was manacled to a deputy sheriff and taken in an automobile to the Long Island jail. General Peter C. Hains and Mrs. Hains and mother of the defendant, returned to New York following the afternoon session of court.

MARION BUTLER INDICTED

Four Bills for Libel Found Against Him in Guilford County.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 14.—The grand jury of Guilford Superior Court this afternoon returned four true bills against Ex-United States Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester Butler, charging criminal libel against ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, chairman of the Republican party of North Carolina.

The charges are based upon articles published in the Raleigh Caucasian, owned by the Butlers, several months ago. The ex-Senator and his brother were arrested November 4th, and bound over to the present term of court in bonds of $1,000 each to await action by the grand jury. On motion of Butler's attorneys the trial is continued until January term of court, notwithstanding Adams' attorneys pressed for trial. Neither of the Butlers was in court today.

SEABOARD RECEIVERS CITED.

Have Not Rendered an Accounting of Assets of Railroad.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore; R. Lancaster Williams, of Richmond, Va., and Edward C. Duncan, of Raleigh, N. C., the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line were today cited by Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to show cause on January 13th next why they have not rendered an accounting to the court of the assets of the railroad. They must show cause why the road should not be sold and a judgment of $4,500,000 paid to Hoover & Denham, local merchants, who furnished supplies to the company's dining cars.

DUTY ON TURKISH TOBACCO

Danville Delegation Will Urge Increase Before Tariff Committee.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Danville, Va., Dec. 14.—The Danville Tobacco Board of Trade at a special meeting today appointed funds to send a large committee to Washington Wednesday to appear before the Ways and Means Committee of Congress to urge the postoffice laws which will impose a higher duty on Turkish tobacco, which is coming more and more in competition with tobacco grown in the bright district, which is mainly in Virginia and North Carolina.

The Danville Tobacconists contend that as the United States government protects the New England Tobacco Growers in imposing a high duty on Sumatra tobacco, the bright tobacco growers should in a spirit of fairness be afforded the same protection.

Among those who will go to Washington are President Carrington of the Commercial Association and President Adams of the Tobacco Growers Protective Association, of Virginia, and North Carolina. Concerted action on the part of the tobacco associations in both of the States has been asked for.

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FIGHTING BEGUN IN THE CARIBBEAN

The Dutch Warships Begin Hostilities Against Venezuela.

COASTGUARD SHIP SEIZED

By a Dutch Man-of-War—The Commanders Note to Venezuelan Authorities—Protest of Acting Governor—Excitement.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Caracas, Dec. 13, via Port of Spain, Dec. 14.—The news of the capture of the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alexis by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland last Saturday became known in Caracas this morning. A big crowd at once assembled in the Plaza Bolivar and demonstrated in support of the Government.

A decree issued by Acting President Gomez places the Republic in a state of defense.

Caracas, Dec. 14.—A crowd of citizens, including a large number of students went to the office of El Constitutional, the organ of President Castro, and indulged in a demonstration. The feelings of this crowd were plainly hostile to Castro and to the steps taken by Gomez. A pitched battle ensued between the employes of the paper and the crowd on the streets. Many shots were exchanged, and the fighting lasted for five minutes. Several men were wounded and one has since died. The police were summoned and when they appeared on the scene armed with rifles the crowd dispersed.

The captain of the Alexis, who came ashore at Puerto Cabello, has sent up to Caracas the communication handed him by the Dutch officer who came on board from the Gelderland. This note is as follows:

"On Board the Cruiser Gelderland, December 12.

"Her Majesty, the Queen of Holland, has given orders for her warships temporarily to sequestrate and embargo all Venezuelan Government vessels. This is a retaliatory measure. We demand that you lower your flag and surrender your ship and your persons to the Commander of the Gelderland. All resistance will be useless. If you resist the result will be the loss of your vessel and death to many of you.

"Second Lieutenant Boinar."

Acting President Gomez issued a decree today in which he relates the capture of the Alexis, after which he declares:

"I consider these acts a true invasion of Venezuelan territory and an aggression against the Venezuelan Government. They constitute a grave offense. The National sovereignty is threatened and the territorial integrity, honor and the dignity of the Fatherland is in danger.

"I decree the Nation in a state of defense, and consequently the executive assumes and will exercise the extraordinary faculties conferred upon him by Section VIII., of Article LXXX of the Venezuelan constitution."

The news that the Republic had been placed under a state of National defense against Holland ran through the city like wild-fire, and in a few moments there was an enormous crowd in front of the Yellow House, the executive mansion, to greet acting President Gomez.

Speeches were made demanding that all political prisoners be set at liberty and that the existing government monopolies be abolished. The threatened danger from without had a double effect on the people; they demanded measures of protection, but at the same time they insisted upon the termination of one of the most unpopular courses of the Castro administration—the maintenance of government monopolies on the necessaries of life.

PLEA OF INSANITY.

L. G. Hancock Returned to Winston-Salem to Stand Trial.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Winston-Salem, Dec. 14.—Chief of Police Thomas and Patrolman Thompson arrived here last evening from San Francisco, bringing with them L. G. Hancock, who stands charged with embezzling over $2,500 while manager of the Lamb-Fish Box Company here.

Hancock led a fast life for several weeks prior to his departure in October, drinking and treating his friends to champagne and fine wines.

The Lamb-Fish Company employed detectives who traced Hancock to San Francisco where he was arrested four weeks ago. His plea is ignorance of any wrong doing. He claims he knew nothing about leaving here nor taking any money. He says he never came to himself until he reached Honolulu, when he immediately turned back to America.

Hancock's mother has been here several days. She has employed able counsel. It is understood that the defendant's plea at the trial will be insanity.

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Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

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TENNSSEE NIGHT RIDERS

Alleged Leaders of Band That Slew Captain Rankin Placed on Trial For Murder—Cases Will be Vigorously Contested.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—With both the prosecution and the defense announcing themselves ready for the trial, the latter, however, under protest the trial on a charge of murder of eight men held as alleged leaders of the night rider band of the Reelfoot Lake region that slew Captain Quentin Rankin, was begun this afteroon. Until the trials are concluded, only slight intermissions for the Christmas will be had in what promizes to be a vigorously contested case. On the outcome of the cases will depend the action to be taken against other indicted alleged night riders of the Lake region.

Today's court procedure passed without demonstration. Immediately after the defendants were brought into court the prosecution announced willingness to proceed immediately and formally requested that the court, instead of the sheriff as is usual select the jury venire. On the part of the defense, it was asked that the indictments returned at the October term of court, charging an offense of a less serious nature, be first disposed of and that the sheriff be permitted to select the panel.

On both contentions Judge Jones decided adversely to the requests of Attorney Rice A. Pierce, who appeared for the defendants. Then the defense announced that they were ready for the trial to begin but under protest, because of the ruling of the court. This concluded the court procedure of the day.

In his written opinion as to the jury venire, Judge Jones announced that he would summon 300 men to be present at the opening of court Wednesday when the work of selecting the trial jury will begin.

The men on trial are Garrett Johnson, Sam Applewhite, Roy Ransom, Bud Morris, Fred Pinken, Arthur Clear, T'd Burton and Bob Huffman.

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